New Hampstone, July 30, 1863

Dear Sister Cynthia.

Lissie says I may write to you a little too. She was greatly pleased to get your letter and would have written before were it not for her school. But now she has vacation she has more time, and she often wishes you were here, she thinks she should take so much comfort. though she says sometimes she is afraid Cynthia would not like her so well as she used to. Ellen Sibley is home now. Came home last Friday to spend vacation. She is still teaching in Boston. She has a very good place there and does well. I have not seen her since she came home. Everything is looking very pleasant now. The farmers are

mother. Have you heard from John lately? Is aunt Sarah with you now. Grandma Butler is here as usual. We are all well. My health is better than usual this summer. hope you are all well. hope you will all write soon you girls, all owe me a letter now. Love to all Good by. Elisabeth

been no very good chance. I like
picking huckleberries best of any.
We have a pretty good chance for
those here. Wish some of you could
go out with us once. One day we
picked thirteen quarts. I am drying
some of them. Johnny has just brought
in a ripe apple from the garden and
one of last years growth, from the cellar
We think this is doing pretty well
to raise apples to last through the
year. Have you plenty of flies? I
should like to spare some of ours.
They are very troublesome. I
went out to tea yesterday. not a
very common thing for me. The
lady's husband is one of the lieutenants
in the 12th N. H. regiment. That regiment
was made up round here, quite a number
from New Hampton in it. Lieutenant Sargent
where I took tea yesterday is a brother of the Mr.
Sargent that used to be at school at Whitestown

mother. Have you heard from father lately? I want [illegible] with

New Hampton, July. 30. 1863.

Dear Sister Anna,

I have not heard from you for a long time. I wish some of you would come out and visit us this Summer or Autumn, why can you not? It is a long time since any of you have been out here and it is our turn to have a visit. If you will come we will try and make it pleasant for you. We do not go away any where and would be happy to entertain our friends. It is very quiet here now, but the vacation is passing all to rapidly. In three weeks more school will commence again. I have been out berrying two or three times. but for a week past it has been so showery there has

and afterwards was one of our teachers here. John Fullonton is one of the same regiment. I feel anxious to hear from home. I want to know whether Eddy will be draffted or any of Uncle Henry's boys. or any others of our friends. Brother Butler's son John Edward is drafted. He is Editor of a weekly paper in Maine. and will pay his three hundred as it would spoil his business. please write to me Anna. dear. Elizabeth

having a poor chance to get in
their hay. We have so many showers
How are you getting along with
yours. Most of the flowers you sent
did not come. The asters look well
think they will blossom. and the
mignonette. Did that Mayflower
live that I sent Jenny. I brought
a root from cousin Mary Lewis
when I was out two years last
Spring, and this year it blossoms
for the first. it is very pretty. It is
the pink Spirea. Now it rains again
quite a shower. Please write in your
next letter whether we may expect
some of you out soon. and about
what time. It is so far you must
make a good long visit when
you come. Has Jennie been to
New York yet to consult physician
wish I could see you all. Give
my love to all. How are Lewis and
family. And how are father and

New Hampton, Nov. 4. 1861.

Dear Sister Anna,

I commenced a letter to you some time since but other duties have prevented my finishing it. I do not write to you very often but my heart is often with you. It seems as though we might write oftener it does not take long, and a while ago I thought I would write every week or two, but one thing and another claim my attention and I neglect it. It seems a long time now since I have heard from any of you, and I hope you will write as soon as you receive this.

Wed. Nov. 6. We have had a heavy rain the first of this week. All day Sabbath it rained and blew, and being also

vacation our meeting was very small.
Today it looks like rain again.

Have you heard from John lately? We do not hear excepting through you. Please let us know about them. I am glad to see from the papers that they have good crops in Kansas. I saw in the paper some time since that all the men there over eighteen would be required to enlist. Has John written any thing about it? Probably they suffer more from the war than we do.

Have you and Jennie given up visiting us this Fall? I hoped to have seen you earlier when we had so much pleasant weather. I suppose we must expect winter soon now and if you do not come now I shall not forget the promise. I am sorry we are separated by so long a journey. I hope however

we shall not be so long without seeing each other. Three or four weeks ago there was a student and his wife came direct from Whitesboro. I wish you had know of it. It would have been a good opportunity for you if you could have come this Fall. We did not expect them.

Are you all well, I want to from you all. How is cousin Mary? Give my love to Lewis and his family. and cousin John's folks.

Mother Butler came back two or three weeks since.

I am very busy now with my sewing. I am putting together today the lining of a comforter. If I was near your sewing machine I fear I should trouble it some. I have just made up that dress of yours for the children It has made Lizzie and Hattie each a beautiful dress. the skirts

nice and full with a tuck.
That brilliant that Jennie gave them made them very pretty ~~summer~~ dresses. Jennie's alpacca I have not made yet but shall soon it will make up beautifully for one of them. Lissie sewed up all the waist seams of the three dresses I have been making lately. I tell her I shall not need a machine when I get her and Hattie helping me.
We are all enjoying very good health this Fall. Mr. B.'s heath is improving I have been much better than usual for about three months past.
Last week we went to Meredith to Br. Butler's. Had a nice little visit. Rode over in the morning and back at night.
Please write as soon as you can. I am anxious to hear from you Hope you are all well. But I must close. Good by ~~Anna~~, dear, love to all
Elisabeth.

Feb. 20. 1860. New Hampt

Dear Sister Anna,

I do not remember who I owe a letter, so I will write to you. I do not know just how long it is since I have heard from any of you, but it seems a long time. I wrote to Jennie a short time ago. Hope you have had that before now. If you knew how much I wanted a letter you would write, some of you, I know.

We had quite a snowy, windy day yesterday, and our meeting was quite small. I went in the afternoon but it was just about as much as I could do to get home again. Eld. Curtiss preached in the

afternoon, and I was glad I went, I always like to hear him. he is so earnest.
Last evening there was a temperance lecture but I guess there were not many out.
The school is quite large. They have their public meeting this week. The ladies have theirs Wednesday evening. They are going to have an admittance fee of fifteen cents, to go to increase of their library. The ladies have a very pretty library room now in the new building, and they are getting a good library.
We find the different libraries quite a convenience. They furnish us a good deal of reading.
This is the quietest little village we have no news at all. So you must not expect a long letter.

[illegible]

please [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

There are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 1857

[illegible],

How [illegible] to be
so far away among strangers [illegible]
into a new experience [illegible]
[illegible] glad you are there, and I hope
you are also. It seems [illegible] good an
opportunity [illegible]
[illegible] and it will be so much better
for you both to be together than
if you were alone.

Please write [illegible] you
are doing, your studies &c. Do you
[illegible] Mr. Beecher's meeting? I thought
[illegible] on Sunday, and wondered who you
were hearing. Is your [illegible] good
[illegible] do you think you will be contented.

We are having very pleasant
weather now, [illegible] for the
season, [illegible]

to you [illegible] among strangers,
it must at times seem lonely. Do
you meet any one there that you
have ever seen before? Do you
remember Miss Pratt that I used to
be in [illegible] school in Clinton
Miss Pratt and Miss French will be room
together. She [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and married there. [illegible]
have a [illegible], I think. Perhaps
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] getting [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] well. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] very much.
How far are you from
China? Hope you will be directed
and blessed and made a blessing.
Do write whether you think
you will like and whether you
think you will be able to visit there
[illegible]. You will think I am foolish
but I think of you a great deal
and pray that [illegible] is with you.
With much love your sister
Elizabeth

[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] we are glad you are [illegible] and are very [illegible] here. How you are getting on, especially with your hearing. Do you get better, and is [illegible] much about it, I feel anxious about it, if you have not time, let Annie write. Also let us know about the school, your studies, classmates [illegible] Also the place, and if you can write again, about your own immediate surroundings, please write now. Hope you will both be contented and happy and useful. How I should like to go and see you. Do you [illegible] of we here? I mean [illegible] speak of you often and think of you often

[illegible]

[illegible] John [illegible]

New Hampshire, [illegible]

[illegible] R. [illegible]

[illegible] thought [illegible]

in John's neighborhood? But

Hattie [illegible] creeping and I [illegible]

[illegible]. Please write [illegible]

[illegible] one and all the [illegible]

[illegible]. As ever your [illegible]

Elizabeth

[illegible], Sept 6. 18[illegible]

Dear Sister Emma,

I have but a moment to spare to write. I have been [illegible] to write to you for some time. I am much obliged for that pretty collar, and shall prize it all the more, as it is your own work. I wish [illegible] [illegible] & Lizzie could learn to do such work. She would enjoy very much being with you. Is your school still prospering, and do you continue to teach this Summer? Does Eddie continue in the store? O wish we could see you all. It is very nearly three years now since we were out to visit you. I enjoyed

that visit very much and have enjoyed it since in retrospect. Hope we may have a visit from some of you before long. We were much interested in Cynthia's account of your exhibition you must have had a pleasant time. Write to me where you hear from John again. Please give my love to all. Hope you will write soon.

Your Sister Harriett

Biddeford, Aug. 16. 1867. Frid.

Dear Sister Anna,

Are you really in New Hampton and we here in Biddeford. It is too bad. I am very sorry we could not come home this week, so as to be there when you came. And this rain has disappointed Eddie and Sarah about going to the mountains. It is better for you though to have them there with you than to be alone. A little business necessary to be done before I go home which cannot be finished till Sat. makes it necessary for us to stay here till the first of the week. I am sorry, but it cannot be helped. Hope you will make yourselves as happy as you can. I have written to Mr. Burpee to meet us at the Boat Tuesday afternoon. Also for him to call at the

home for cloaks for me to ride home
in. Lizzie's and Hattie's thick sacks and
John's overcoat. I shall be glad to get
home and have a good visit with you.
I have had no letter from Mr. Butler
since I wrote to Mother Butler.
We are all well, and our friends
also. Tell Grandma Hattie has got
all over her cough. Hoping soon
to see you. With love to all.

Your sister,

Elizabeth.

Northampton, Oct. 21, 1867.

Dear Sister Anna,

You do not know how much we have missed you and Charlie since you left. We could not get rid of it seems you brought that you did not stay longer. For a week past we have had most delightful Indian Summer weather just suitable for us all to go into the woods together. I am very glad your health continues to be better. Hope you will get to be as strong and healthy as we should hope to.

How we did all enjoy your visit here. The children think a great deal of you, they love to sing the hymns you sung with them. Lizzie and Hattie have braided their father a pair of slippers.

[illegible]

They each took a slipper, as
there was but little time.
Mrs. Ricker sent me the silk
in a letter, red and green.
They are very pretty. We are
having them made to fit
Johnny. I think his foot is
just about the size of his
father's. We took the pattern
where the braid goes round the
a trick in square corners, you
know. It is really quite a pretty
pattern. How I wish I could see
you all tonight. Tell Hannah I miss
her ever and ever so much.
We are all waiting impatiently ever
so for Mr. Potter. Hope we shall
see him this week. Wish you were
here to see him too. He wished
me to write him a letter to meet
him in Boston when he lands.
I put one in the mail today.

If you have not seen the letter [illegible] after we got [illegible]

[illegible] I send you it and hope [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] we had of [illegible] we [illegible] home. [illegible] we must have a letter of [illegible]. [illegible] wished [illegible] for [illegible] for the [illegible] in the [illegible]. says they are the best she [illegible] etc.

[illegible] 2

[illegible]

My dear [illegible]

for your [illegible] letter. [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] intelligence it contained. [illegible] [illegible] health we had hardly dared to hope and expect. For her restoration so far we have great reason to unite in humble gratitude to the Giver of all good.

We have much anxiety for her still. Does her health continue to improve and is there ~~good~~ reason to hope that she may yet be well? Her treatment she of course continues. I trust that nothing will be wanting on her part to make her visit to Saratoga of the greatest possible benefit to her. Poor Child! She has had a long and [illegible] trial [illegible]

the bed of sickness. May she be spared long to know and enjoy the happiness of active usefulness. The difference she will be well prepared to realize and appreciate.

Thank [illegible] [illegible] she! [illegible] in health [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] our little one can enjoy of the blessings of life however bountifully bestowed without the crowning blessing of health. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Utica? [illegible] you tell [illegible] [illegible] never written to me? We have not had a line from him since we left, [illegible] [illegible], nor from [illegible]. How are he and Sarah Maria and their little ones? I wonder when we shall all meet again. How about the railroad between [illegible] and Utica?

We are all enjoying

usual health. Johnny has a little sled painted red which pleases him very much. He is out now with some of the neighbors children sliding down hill. He has learned so now that he can manage his sled pretty well. His little sister does not go out so much as he this cold weather though she goes with us to meeting almost every Sabbath once. The extreme cold last week I presume you shared as well as we. It is very bright and pleasant again today.

There has been a good revival in progress in the school a number of weeks. A large number have been hopefully converted. The term again commenced last week, and the good work seems to be still in progress. We hope it may continue through the term. We are much favored in regard to receiving

home. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — then when [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

But it is near tea
time and I must close. Please to
write soon. We are anxious to hear
from you all. Write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Your [illegible] Charlotte.

Jefferson,
May 3d 1855

Dear Cynthia,

I received your excellent letter about a week since, and intended to answer it immediately, but I have been quite busy of late, sewing for Aunt and cousin Clark, so I know you will forgive me, for not writing before. Sissie next time you write I want you to tell me *just* how Sarah is.

n[illegible] I want you to partic-
ular. I should like very
much to form the acquaintance
of that lady that reminds you
so much of your sedate cousin
she must be the pattern of pro-
priety if she is anything like
me.

I have about decided to spend
the summer in Illinois. I
am anticipating real pleas-
ure, when our beloved cousin
Ollie comes home, she is a
dear good girl, and "by the way
they say that she looks very
much like me, so of course
she is pretty, I can not see
how she looks like me, for
every body allows that she
is the very picture of her
mother, and I am sure
I dont look like Aunt-

Mary Ann and Ollie dont look at all alike, no one would ever mistrust they were sisters by their looks. I dont know I ever saw two sisters so entirely unlike in disposition as well as in looks, Ollie is the most affectionate creature I ever saw and Mary Ann is an advocate of "Womans Rights" so you can form your own opinion of her character. she is Aunt right over again. Ollie looks like her mother but her disposition is like her fathers.

You know

Mr Chaplin that is at the Glen, do you not? he has lost his wife, she died about a fortnight ago, leaving a baby about a week old. they buried her on the mountain side, under some chest-nut trees, it is most a beautiful place for a grave, she was a splendid woman, beloved by all that knew her. she will be missed very much at the Glen.

My hands are fairly stiff they are so cold, so I will close give my love to Sarah and accept the the same yourself. from your aff cousin

Elizabeth

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and my first impulse was to write [illegible] [illegible] as I had just written to you. I have waited a few days hoping to hear again. We [illegible] very sorry to hear that [illegible] [illegible] is sick. It is a week tomorrow since [illegible] your letter and I hope he is better [illegible] this. [illegible] [illegible] he was [illegible] excepting that he [illegible] delirious and was very weak. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will pass away as he becomes stronger. [illegible] be very trying to see him so unlike himself. We [illegible] very [illegible] to hear from you again. [illegible] [illegible] particulars about him. Is he confined to his bed and have you reason to

hope that he will come soon? We think [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] him.

[illegible]

[illegible]

with [illegible] his unknown [illegible]

[illegible] to be [illegible] we have [illegible]

[illegible] of him, [illegible] have [illegible]

with [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] be [illegible] better. [illegible]

[illegible]

well in other respects, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

With much love to all

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

[illegible] you a letter,
as you [illegible]
some [illegible] this summer
[illegible] like to have the [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a little [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the summer. I [illegible] think [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a little
[illegible] continued [illegible] all next [illegible]
when [illegible] the [illegible] stolen, and it will
be enough to take them or leave them.

We think some of going [illegible]
you a week or two the next winter. [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]
to you [illegible] you [illegible] a few [illegible]

writing to [illegible] Meredith [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible] brought [illegible].
[illegible] family, [illegible]
[illegible] of health
[illegible]. I have [illegible] him,
[illegible]
[illegible] keep her through. The [illegible]
[illegible] opportunity to
[illegible] which [illegible] got
[illegible] hand, and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] understand,
[illegible] work. I
have been fortunate in getting her
[illegible]
home. She has [illegible].
attend the dinner on which
[illegible] the week [illegible].
I shall not look for him home
until the last of next week.
We had a letter from John
[illegible] well.
[illegible] intelligence
from [illegible]!

[illegible] 185[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you a letter
[illegible] I think [illegible]
[illegible] this Summer
[illegible] like to have the [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a little [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I think [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] little
[illegible] till next [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible]
[illegible] them.

We think [illegible] going [illegible]
you a week or two the next winter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] about the [illegible].
[illegible] hope
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] him,
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] opportunity [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] hand, and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] work. I
have been fortunate in getting [illegible]
[illegible] it [illegible]
home. [illegible]
attend the dinner on which
[illegible] week [illegible]
I [illegible] look for [illegible] home
until the end of next week.
[illegible] a letter from John
[illegible]
[illegible] intelligence
[illegible]!

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] school? do you attend?

[illegible] Sarah? She owes me [illegible]

[illegible], and so does [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] does not write [illegible].

Mother's birthday [illegible]

[illegible] I do not remember what [illegible]

[illegible] write [illegible].

Now Cynthia, dear, do [not]

forget to answer all these questions

[illegible] you write [illegible]

[illegible] think I would

like to know. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
the other children [illegible]
[illegible]
are [illegible]
[illegible] Bible
in the morning [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
I must close [illegible]
[illegible]
hope you will write [illegible]
[illegible]

in house or [illegible] and she cannot
see them [illegible]. The children are all
very well and enjoying this pleasant
weather. [illegible] mother [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] Mrs. Baldwin
[illegible] an excellent [illegible]
the [illegible] a little cold. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] very much
[illegible]
[illegible] my health [illegible] my having.
The [illegible]
[illegible] permanently.
[illegible] suddenly
did not [illegible]
His [illegible] brother [illegible]
permitted to [illegible] his place in the
teaching and Mr. [illegible] in
the government. [illegible]
from you all. Please write
[illegible] your Pa—
E. [illegible]

[illegible] April [illegible] 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

I am sorry it has been so long since I have written to you I have been waiting hoping every day to hear again from you. We feel very anxious to hear from you again. We will not very easily forget you, the children so often speak of you. [illegible] thinks she misses you most of any one. And little Willie always prays for you every night. He says "God take care of" [illegible] in the [illegible], and always [illegible] among the [illegible]. They all wish you could come back again.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a number of
Numbers of the Commission
of [illegible] Co. from him.
Much obliged. I notice his
name. Do not forget
to mention when you write
where he lives. Did you
get a Reporter?
Cynthia do not trouble
because you cannot write
yourself. You must get
the rest to write.
We all send love. Mother &
sister frequently speaks of you.
How is mother's health and
father's, I want to see them
and you all. Sister Louisa
wrote to last week. She wishes to
send her love to you.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] me the other day
that [illegible] had been, [illegible]
why you did not write to [illegible]
and I did [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] write
to you. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
ing and [illegible] not had any.
Miss [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] particular. [illegible]
about you, and the other day
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] waiter
men, and others. Sabbath before
last Miss Worthen was baptized
and united with the church.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at the close of the
term. He goes to be pastor
of the church in [illegible]ville, R.I.
[illegible] of the largest [illegible] in
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but I hope

they would be needed when they are going.

I want to hear from you once. [illegible] is promised having and thanks giving, [illegible] how are you all. I hope Henry is home or some of your children with us when you receive this. It seems so long since we have heard from you.

We are all as usual [illegible] summer.

[illegible] may [illegible]

Do not forget to write [illegible] in remembrance of you [illegible] but [illegible] your [illegible] all [illegible] Both [illegible] to you all [illegible]

[illegible]

Thank you [illegible] Nov 25

There are a great many people here attending the [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a city of [illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible] have a large
church here of [illegible]
[illegible]. There have [illegible]
a thousand people.
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] here [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible]
will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] next
day. There have been [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
I have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] here [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the Episcopal [illegible], and is supplied by the Conference.
We have a very pleasant [illegible] here. There we are stopping a few [illegible] from the church.
There is a prayer meeting every [illegible] evening [illegible] at half past [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Brother [illegible] New York now I suppose [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible] they. But I will have patience a little longer, and hope to see you all [illegible] again

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] afternoon

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the appearance of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the country [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] own [illegible]

Northampton Sep. 1. 1860,

Dear Sister Cynthia,

Lizzie says I may put a line in her letter. She is greatly interested in writing and receiving letters from you. She was much disappointed in the prospect of not going out to see you. You may be sure you have an earnest friend.

I suppose you have closed your school now. Is your health still good? I am disappointed in not seeing you all this season. But I think it is best to wait to give us a chance next season. Maybe you and we will all be well till then. I hope you will write about John. Does the great drouth in Southern Kansas reach them? I hope

be glad to know that they are still prospering. They have struggled so hard and have had so much to depress them that I feel very anxious to hear. We wrote to them a short time ago. If they can get time I hope they will write.

We are getting on as usual. The school is prospering. They seem to like Mr. Ricker much. There is another new teacher, Mr. Bracket, who is also very popular. I will send you a Catalogue when it comes out.

It is cold and rainy today. I am reading, "A journey in the Back Country," by Olmstead. Have you read it? It is quite interesting. Not a very charming picture of the South, however.

Miss Crawford returns to India this Autumn. I.e. is next month. Have you seen her? She has been here two or three times. The last time I saw her she had improved in health very much. Probably her visit to this country will prolong her usefulness several years.

James Phillips has graduated in college, and is expected here to take his theological course. He is now at the west visiting his friends. His father resides in Illinois. He expects to go to India when he is fitted.

I shall write to Mary in a few days. Do I owe Annie a letter? I have

forgotten.

I must not write longer now. It is time to get tea. Please give my warm love to all.

We all send love. Hoping to hear from you soon. Good By. Elizabeth Butler

[illegible]

Dear Brother and Sister,

[illegible],

you wrote the last letter, and
which I have not answered.
We are going to have that [illegible]
[illegible]
Are glad they keep up so good
courage. Hope they will keep
their health, and if Providence
[illegible] they will [illegible]
[illegible] wish I was near enough
to help about that box. I
mean to write to them in a
few days. Feel anxious to hear
whether they have lost more of
their cattle. Please write
if you hear.

To-morrow the term commences
again. We have been away but
once this vacation. Week before
last we went to Meredith.
Short visit, staying only one
night. We have had a visit
from Henry the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]. He staid two weeks.
[illegible] came a few days before
his father and so was here
nearly three weeks. The children
had a good time. They are
calculating a great deal on their
visit to you next [illegible].
Hope we shall all be [illegible]
to go [illegible] then.

Do you remember Mr. Whittier,
carpenter; he lives over the pond.
He had on the side of his face
a cancer. It is very bad, he
suffers a great deal, will not

probably live long.
Oliver Frisk is quite feeble this
week, though not more so than he
has been many times before.
Mr. Mason the gardener is dead
[illegible] you were here, and
his family have moved away.
Another family has moved in
there yet. Mr. [illegible], Col. [illegible]'
coachman lost his wife a few
weeks ago. She died of consumption.
[illegible] continues about
the same, only he grows weaker
[illegible]
We had a rainy Sabbath
yesterday. This with its being
vacation made our congregation
quite small.
Miss Crawford visited
us again about two months
since. She [illegible]

in two or three weeks.
Her health has improved
since her return, although not
as much as we could desire
She has been too busy for
the cause since her return
for own good. She is a zealous
missionary. Hope she may
be spared to do much good
yet, in India. She told me
she came quite near you,
and would have visited you
had she known it at the
time. Said she was sorry
she did not see you.

Have written this in haste.
Hope we shall hear from
you soon. With much
love to all I remain
Yours as ever.

Elizabeth Butler

Northampton [illegible] 1861.

Dear Sister Cynthia & all,

I thank you for your letter and the seeds. I wish I could hear from you every week. I ought to have written to you before, but my health has been quite poor since I returned [illegible] having a good deal to do I have not felt like writing. My health is better now. The children are well and Mr. B. is better since his journey though he is not yet well. I wish it was not so far but we might see you all again the coming vacation. Yet [illegible] visit was too short and I feel [illegible] more since coming back. It would be so much better if we could see each other oftener, but we must [illegible] and submit to [illegible] will, as [illegible] will. Our vacation com[illegible]

[illegible] two [illegible] home [illegible]
[illegible] company week after next
at the Anniversary and then it will
be very quiet here for a few weeks.
We shall spend the vacation here.
Mother B. will go to visit her friends
[illegible] Dover and Portsmouth, for a few
week. [illegible]
weather, pretty warm today. The
children go to school. Lucy [illegible] is
the teacher. They like her very much. [illegible]
[illegible], Cynthia.
[illegible]

Please write soon and tell me
about John and his family. How
[illegible]? How [illegible]
[illegible].
Have you heard from Cousin [illegible] in
[illegible] write whether his wife
is well. Please write also whether
father got his paper for covers from
him, that he sent for to us. Give a
a great deal of love to Lewis and Jane

and [illegible] little cousin. [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]
out and see her. Does Nattie like
to go to school as well as [illegible]?
Do they get any strawberries? Our children are
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
almost a [illegible] herself.

Last Thursday. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], I saw Pres. Buchanan at
New York and heard him speak.
I liked him much. He is a
noble appearing man. I was almost
inclined to seek an introduction to
him on [illegible] account but did not have
a good opportunity.

I have not forgotten father's request
that I should [illegible] [illegible] time to [illegible] him.
If Mr. B. has one that I think he would care
about, I will do so.

I must not write longer [illegible]
or I cannot send this in the P. O.

will stay [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible], probably not before [illegible] commence. Good bye. [illegible] love to all. Write soon and write how mother's health is. Give my love to aunt Sarah.

Yours affectionately

Elizabeth B[illegible]

New Hampton. Sep. 28. 1863.

Dear Sister Cynthia,

I think I have not answered your last letter. So I address this to you, though it will be also to all. I feel anxious to hear from home again. Has Eddie been drafted or has not the drafting been done in your district. Have any of our cousins been drafted? Do not forget to tell me in your next. When have you heard from John? Be sure and mention in your next. We have felt anxious about them since the terrible massacre in Lawrence. I wrote to them a little time since. What does father think of the war, can he begin to see

through it? How are you all at home. How is mother's health and fathers. and Mary's and all of you. Has Jennie been to New York yet.

You wished me to send you a recipe for the Erysipelas I enclose it in this. Pardon me for not attending to it sooner We have learned of a cure for a felon. When it is coming on, put on the finger the skin from the inside of an egg shell, the wet side towards it. It is hard to bear, it draws so hard but in a short time it will break the little bladder that forms on the bone, which is the cause of felon, and then immediately you are relieved. The finger will however be tender and should not be used until quite well. Mother B. had one coming and cured ~~it~~ in this way. though it still troubles her from sewing a little too soon.

This is Lizzie's birthday, and next Thursday is Johnny's. Lizzie twelve and Johnny fourteen, can you realize it? I must go and get tea now.

Mon morn. Oct. 12. I have not had time to write this till now. Mother B. has been very sick with Erysipelas in the head, and I have been looking to finish this. She is now getting better slowly. I have had a girl to help me for a few days & She will stay a little longer. I recd your letter the other day and was so glad to get it. It seemed so long since I had heard from you. I am glad Eddie is not drafted. I fear he wouldn't like the army. Our theological students have fared badly out of twelve, six are drafted. They have not yet been examined. Some of them may be exempt. Prof. Chadwick, the Principal of the school here is among the drafted, but will provide a substitute. Johnny was very much pleased with his letter and will answer it soon. Lizzie was much disappointed in not having

see her. hope you will get time to
write to her soon. There is no one
she thinks so much of hearing from
as from Bertha, and no one she would
so love to see.
Lew. P. M. It must have been hard for
you to have so much company this
summer. Next summer you must not
be surprised if we should trouble you
a while. So far in the future though we
cannot calculate much upon.
Mr B's term closes now in about five
weeks. He then has a vacation of eight
weeks. Last June the arrangement of the
terms was changed so that he now has
two long vacations instead of one.
One of five weeks in July and August
and one of eight weeks commencing
near the last of Nov. I am very glad
it will make it easier for the teachers
though the terms will be longer.
It is too dark to write and I
must close. Love to all. Write soon
Elizabeth

[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] me,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

They have [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] three [illegible] however [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] She is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

hand. Mr B. has been absent a week this

morning, and will not return before [illegible]

[illegible] or Saturday. He attended the M[illegible]

of the [illegible]

last week, and is now at Providence, R. I.

[illegible]

[illegible] benevolent societies. I

should have gone with him to Worcester

[illegible] mother [illegible] had been here, but she is

absent at present and I did not like to

leave the children. We are all well.

We have been gathering in apples [illegible]

have raised enough for our use. [illegible]

have had some slight [illegible] before last we

had a very cold night. In the morning the

ther[mometer] stood at 25. It will be cold again

to night. We have some very nice sweet

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]

[illegible] wish they could have visited [illegible]

[illegible] glad [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. It is quite [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Oct. 18. [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]. Suppose you will wonder what I
am so busy about. Nothing only [illegible]
[illegible]
what little sewing [illegible]
[illegible]

is I suppose I have too much business

[illegible] and young [illegible] who [illegible]

[illegible] My health is good and

I enjoy myself [illegible] I [illegible]

the children are [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

I heard from [illegible] Mrs B. [illegible]

children, she had an excellent [illegible]

and her health is improved. [illegible]

and John are [illegible] getting [illegible] the

politics. There is [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] hope it [illegible]

[illegible] I wish I could hear

from you [illegible]. You do not write

as often as I wish you would. I

do not know what I shall do [illegible]

you [illegible] what is the

reason. I suppose you are busy

though [illegible]. I must close

[illegible] good bye. Write

soon as you can. With love Elizabeth.

New Hampton Sept 1 1864

My Dear Cynthia.

I am very busy or I should have written to you before but I feel that I cannot wait longer to hear from you all. I want to know about John — has he gone back, and has Mary or any of you, as you talked, gone with him. It will be lonely for whoever goes, and it would be lonely for him alone. I shall be glad to know how Frank has been getting along all this time. How is mother, is she better. and is her lameness well again. I want to hear how you all do. Is Eddy still in the store?

You are getting on so nicely—
John and Lizzie go to school
in the Seminary this term. Hattie
studies with me at home.
Lizzie means to write to you soon
though she says she does not owe
you a letter. Are any of you teaching
this Summer?
As you see I have not had time to
finish this yet & must be in haste
with but a few lines. Do please
write soon because we are glad to
hear from you. Hattie has had
the mumps since I began this
letter. They have now all had them.
And we are very glad they have
got through all the children's dis-
eases so well. And are so healthy
as they seem to be. Mr. Butler's
health is about as usual. My health
is excellent for me. I will try
and write more next time.
Love to all. Please write soon for every
[illegible]

[illegible] &c.

[illegible]

[illegible] will not

[illegible] wish you

[illegible]

have a [illegible] experienced Physician.
I fear mixed at last and I hope
you will write soon again. Hope
she is better before now. She
ought to be kept as quiet and
cheerful as possible. What
comfort she has in care of you.
Home is [illegible] [illegible]! If
Mary's health better I want to
hear from you all. Thank you
for sending John's letter.
I am glad Eddie had the
privilege of casting his first
vote for a successful candidate
even with such a large

[illegible] [illegible] would if I put in another one!!

majority. Isn't it a greater
blessing to do better than a victory
in the field.

I should like to have seen
uncle David and his wife.
Wish we were near enough
for them to visit us, and cousin
Lottie also. Give my love to
her. To uncle and aunt also
if you see them again. Are
uncle and aunt as well as
usual? Give our love to all
the little cousins there, at your
house and Lewis'. Does the
baby make you a great deal

[illegible]

of [illegible]. I should like to
see him and Pattie. How is
father? We are all well [illegible]
[illegible] the coming term
commences again today. Our
[illegible] pupils are going again
this term. They like it much.
Last week we went
over to Uncle Butler's, and
had a pleasant visit. Stayed
but one night. Today it is
snowing, snowing. Our first
snow came Sunday, and has
not gone off. It looks quite
wintry. It is nearly time
and I must close.

Give my love to John and Frank. Please write soon. Your [illegible] Eliza

[illegible] and all.

Thank you ever so much
for your good long letter, your-
self and [illegible], if you really
think your letter was more
welcome than those of any
of the others. That is a queer [idea?].
Mother was quite right when she
said we would be glad to get
it, and I did not stop to
"read one page a day" letter, but
took the liberty to devour it all in
one morsel, and could still
more if I had had it, so [illegible]
We were sorry to hear of Father's
illness. Hope he is quite recovered
before now. He ought to be more
careful. We are glad mother is

Thank you for the letter [illegible] Grandma Baird
visit. Bro. [illegible] Harriet [illegible]

better. Hope they will both be more
careful not to be careless & expose
expose themselves. We are none
of us very strong and so it is wise
in us to work less and longer.
I am sorry for poor Mary's head.
Hope it will be better now she is
able to rest in the cold season.
I believe they are enjoying all with
her. I think you have done well
in your work for the soldiers. You
have done more than we have.
How thankful indeed we should
be that the cruel war is over
and that the soldiers can soon be
returning home. That slavery is dead,
and that peace with [illegible] [illegible].
That Jeff is taken in his [illegible]
[illegible]. May our rulers
be enabled to dispose of all
the great questions before them
wisely and judiciously. It
will be a great work to

[illegible] be [illegible] of pleasure.

Hope you have finished house cleaning, I always dread that. We moved yesterday and the day before. We have our washing done Monday, a woman comes to the house to do it. So I have not so much to do during [illegible] I [illegible] write this letter. It is [illegible] like today. [illegible] before [illegible] look. I should think [illegible] you must be a pretty busy company [illegible] do not let much grass grow under our feet. If we have work to do we must do it ourselves. There is no such thing as getting much help here. The next I [illegible] is to have somebody cut and baste my sewing. I am such a poor hand for

that. I mean Lizzie ... with
shall learn something that
learning. Lizzie has more genius
in that sort than I had. Cannot
tell much about the matter yet.
I'm say it is possible that ...
you may visit us this summer.
We certainly hope you will be
able to. We should enjoy it so
much, and it would do you good
... when you will ... likely
to come. We have made arrange-
ments to be absent most of the
vacation in July. So please to come
either before or after that.
I am much obliged to you for sending
the letter from ... your ... and
Lizzie, we were interested to hear
from them. Please give my love to them
when you write. I should like to see
them. Also give my love to cousin
... and their family. ... the
... I have forgotten the name
is she has.

[illegible] Hampton Sept 2 186[illegible]

[illegible] sister and all,

Your letter was received yesterday, & was very sorry to hear of your sickness and suffering & that [illegible] is still so sick. Your [illegible] [illegible] it is [illegible] Tuesday. Hope she is much better before this. We shall be anxious till we hear again.

There are many here troubled with the [illegible], though I have heard of [illegible] of the severe type, as with you, we have [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] J. F. [illegible] [illegible] in health. We have been troubled [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A good many in the [illegible] are complaining.

Hope none of the rest of you will

seen it. We shall be very glad to hear
from you often. Also I like your photograph
[illegible] see you [illegible].
will understand of the [illegible]
back. If you should, you would need
to direct to Holderness, that is
our nearest station, nine miles
from here, and they would send
a messenger from there.
Will you please tell me [illegible]
as you [illegible] telegraph station.
Such things ought to be understood
I have not thought of it before.
Thank you for sending [illegible]
wish I could see [illegible].
John [illegible]
[illegible] they will [illegible]
to him. Hope we shall [illegible]
you soon again. [illegible]
[illegible] every day, hoping to hear that [illegible]
is better! [illegible] one [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

I was very glad to

hear your letter. It [illegible] long [illegible]

[illegible] heard of [illegible] you. [illegible]

[illegible]. I feel [illegible]

[illegible] been [illegible] sick [illegible]

She must rest, and enjoy what she

can of this nice Spring air. Hope

she is better before this. Uncle John

has gone back to [illegible]. I wish I

could have seen him [illegible] he

went. Does he expect to [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] his

place, It must have been hard

to go and leave the children.

and it will be very sad to go back

to an empty and desolate home.

It will be a help and comfort to

have [illegible] with him. I want to

[illegible] you [illegible]. [illegible]

mother this Spring. I hope Mary can get help for her hand!

[illegible]

[illegible] How are all our cousins and friends. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
it would not be [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], and shall [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and write [illegible]
[illegible] to make [illegible]
[illegible].

It is [illegible]
[illegible]. I hope I shall [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]?

[illegible]

[illegible],

Elizabeth [illegible]

We have had but very little snow
this Winter. Just barely enough to make
good sleighing, and not that all the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
It has made excellent wheeling
[illegible] so little snow. [illegible]
[illegible] very long [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] white snow all so clean [illegible]
[illegible]. It must have been hard for you this
winter getting paths and roads through
so much snow as you have had. Hope
[illegible]
again from John and Frank. Hope he gets
along well with his school. Please write
me when you write again. Give my love
[illegible] the children.
Also to Rosie and the baby. Martha
thinks a great deal about baby. She
thinks he is very cunning.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] we can get [illegible].

[illegible], I [illegible]

[illegible] since we came home.

[illegible]

[illegible] mother, Walter and I [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] Jennie. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] so much [illegible]

[illegible] excitement [illegible]

[illegible] present time.

[illegible], you must [illegible]

[illegible]. I want [illegible]

[illegible] you see. to [illegible]

[illegible] to see us [illegible]?

[illegible] the friends [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible]. If I lived there I should want to visit

[illegible] I am here. The people here [illegible]

[illegible]. We had an evening [illegible]

[illegible] 14 [illegible]

[illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] to your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] again [illegible]

[illegible] I hope [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] before [illegible]

[illegible] glad to [illegible] that you have

[illegible] education. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I am sorry [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] how [illegible]

I have written to [illegible]

your letter. I am [illegible]

to [illegible]

[illegible] to him

[illegible] he owes [illegible] a letter.

... in ... ... to ... ...
... ... write. I wish they would
write ... ...

We were glad to ... ...
... paper went off so ...
... back ... ... not
... . How much I would
like to see you all & Mr. Bartle(?)!
... is ... good, though so much
... cold weather does not agree with
him. He seems to enjoy being in the
... again. If he can get through
... cold winter well, we shall be
encouraged about him. His
... ... better ... ...
... ... last winter.
We are all enjoying better health
than usual this winter. ...
... ... all in school. ...
... ... are taking but one
... each. We thought it best for
... not to have it very ...
this term.

[illegible] R. [illegible] to
finish the [illegible]
with the [illegible]

[illegible] write [illegible]
again. The children are all
talking and I shall not be
able to write much.
You ask if we have written
to Walter, we have but it
is hardly time to receive an
answer yet. When we do
we will write you. The photo
were not all lost, and some
[illegible] to [illegible] we will
bring them in the [illegible]. Mr B.
seems to remember his visit to
there with much pleasure,
though he saw few of the people
and he liked so well on so
short an acquaintance. Is that
he felt so well acquainted with
in so short a time. He says!

he'll go with Hiram next time he goes. He told them they must come and see us first, as it is now their turn & he thinks some of them will. He thinks Aunt Jane and Lizzie would have been quite pleased to have come out with him once and that Lizzie feared she might lose her chance in the school by being absent so long. He says they are very pleasantly situated and seem very comfortable and happy. I hope they will keep the school. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] write soon about [illegible]. With love to all yours,

Elizabeth

Northampton Sep. 2. 18[illegible]

Dear Brother and All,

Your kind letter was duly received. We were getting quite anxious to hear from you all. What a hard time you must have all had. I shall still feel anxious to hear. Hope the next time you will be able to write that you are all well. It must have been a very serious sickness and you must have had a great deal of anxiety. We should be thankful to a kind Providence for mercifully preserving you all.

[illegible] length. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] this week.
[illegible]
[illegible] making me a new dress,
[illegible] piece. Don't you think
[illegible] high prices [illegible]
[illegible] This delaine was 28cts,
[illegible] and. I am going to the [illegible]
[illegible] to see if I can find some
[illegible] and [illegible].
[illegible] I often think
[illegible] some of
[illegible]
[illegible] I could
[illegible] to them.

Dear Sister [illegible],

I think I do [illegible] although I am not [illegible] in writing [illegible] [illegible]. It is some time since I have heard from home, and I am waiting [illegible] to hear again how mother is, and if her arm is getting along well as could be expected. Please write as soon as you can and tell me how mother's arm is and how you all are. How is father's health, and how he came [illegible] [illegible] with that minister (I have forgotten the name,) please tell me about it when you write. This is the first of the

month and you are having a
little house again. I wish
I could just step in and
see you all. Hope you are
all well, and getting along
well.

We have all been very well
since we have been here, and
very busy too. First we had the
settling, and then the getting
ready for cold weather.
We have been having snow and
very cold weather for so early
in the season. but now it is
warmer and pleasant again.
Perhaps Nov. will be warmer
than Oct. has been. We hardly
were ready for winter to come
yet. We have just finished
putting on our storm windows and
[illegible]. We had a [illegible]
[illegible] in the house, and then [illegible] it.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this
done on the machine.
Louis has [illegible] taking [illegible] morning & [illegible] going [illegible] the painting business. There is quite a good chance for him here and plenty of [illegible] coming. We hope to have more definitely in their next. It would be very pleasant for us to have them near us.
We are getting acquainted here. Mostly kind, pleasant, good people. We have excellent neighbors and are getting to feel quite at home. Hattie has become quite reconciled to leaving Lawrence, as she thinks Hillsdale is a great deal better, and she would not exchange here for Lawrence if she could. She likes the school here much better than she did there. I am very glad to have it so as

know this, I had written. I am sorry I was not more careful in directing

She felt so bad about leaving
Lewiston.

I am here alone this evening which does not often happen. and it is just nine. Hattie has gone to the meeting of the young ladies society of which she is a member. She has a part this evening. Mr Butler and John have gone to a lecture down town. I chose to stay at home and write to you. It is full moon and the evening is lovely.

Tom Thumb is exhibiting here this evening, but we do not any of us go. Hattie has just come home. I send you the programme of her meeting on which you will see her name. They have these meetings every monday evening. Hattie says give my love to all together. Please let me hear from you soon. with much love to all and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]

Frid. morn. Our letter goes to-day - hope you will receive it to-morrow. Wish you could spend next Sab. with us. We expect Robert here. Your dress I think is quite pretty - should think it would become you. What was it a yard?

[illegible] I should write you again. [illegible] in [illegible] letter [illegible] be able to write much more now [illegible] very much occupied. [illegible] - we call him a pleasant child - yet he is active, and needs a good deal of attention. [illegible] wears out another, and is now [illegible] at a third [illegible]. He has kicked a hole in one of his new white petticoats [illegible] and pretty well on his dresses - so you see I shall have [illegible] making him some new clothes. [illegible] with interest - I don't know but he would know his aunt Jane now if he should see her. [illegible] school goes on well. He [illegible] at the time that it was suspended [illegible] term closes in two weeks. Eld. Paddock and his lady took tea with us the day of the Tem. Convention - They have visited their daughter Mrs Bradford this winter. Her husband is still Pastor of the church at Gilbertsville. Charles [illegible] ([illegible]) is now one of the [illegible] in this place - He has bought out [illegible] [illegible] he had a fine situation - I called on Mrs. [illegible] a short time since. She has a very pleasant house - every thing in first rate order. I design to visit there as soon as I can take the baby out.

Mrs Heffron called here last week, and Mr and Mrs Chapman - Mrs. H's health is very much improved. Mr Heffron is still travelling. He has completed his shower bath business, and is now selling patents for a [illegible] machine. You seemed to be low-spirited in your last letter - what is the matter - any thing more than usual? [illegible] a short time since [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] has lately experienced religion—
we cannot tell you, my dear sister, how happy it would make
us all to hear such precious intelligence from you. This is our
daily petition. It is the greatest blessing we can ask for our absent [illegible]
Has there been a revival in the school? If so, how many conversions and does
it still continue? Mrs. D. M. We have some anxiety about the sickness you mention.
Has the young lady whose case you mentioned as doubtful recovered?
and are there any others dangerously ill? We hope you will be very
careful of your own health. If you have a severe cold you had better break
it up at once by a sweat. Mr. Butler, Mother, Mary, and I have all had severe [colds]
this winter and have cured them by sweating. [illegible] has generally too. I have taken a sweat two
or three times during the winter. Having the care of the babe at night I
have been unusually exposed to colds—[illegible] now used to
it and he is generally very good nights—Last night he slept all
night like a little kitten excepting when he waked to nurse—for you
must know he takes his meals by night as well as by day. We
have been more careful of colds this season on account of the prevailing
sickness—the fever has generally commenced by the appearance of a [illegible]
cold—headache, pain in the limbs &c— ~~[illegible]~~ It has not prevailed in
the village—has been confined to the school mostly. We are all now in
usual health and shall be anxious to hear that you [illegible] quite
well of your cold. Sabbath before last Robert had quite a hard cold and
Mary gave him the wet sheet—for this he paid her a dollar—pretty good
fee, he thought—last Sabbath he was quite well. He seems to be
in good health and spirits. Hope he will continue to prosper in his
[illegible]. It would be so pleasant to have him settle in Utica.
[illegible] night the snow fell several inches [illegible] today it is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] may begin to have the appearance of
[illegible] it came. I shall be glad to see the [illegible]
approaching Spring. I shall be glad to [illegible] I wish I could
[illegible] hear the sweet birds again—
[illegible] you this Spring—but I cannot leave my family [illegible]
[illegible] do not wish to—[illegible] the babe [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] should like it. [illegible] enjoy myself well [illegible]
[illegible] I should like it. [illegible] change? [illegible] now
[illegible] than I used to without him. [illegible]
[illegible] I suppose you are studying Physiology. My paper [illegible]
four o'clock [illegible] Adieu, dear sister. [illegible]
I shall try [illegible]

Whitestown [illegible] [illegible] '50

Dear sister Jane;

I am again seated at my window to commune a few moments with one much loved and often remembered. I need not tell you, dear sister, how happy it makes us to learn by your letters of your prosperity, good health, and so forth. That you may be prospered and blessed in your stream and that your health may be continued so that in a few months you may [illegible] with us around the dear happy fireside at home, is your sister's fervent wish and prayer. Oh! Jane, I never realized what a blessing it is to enjoy health and [illegible] so much as I have this winter [illegible] [illegible] to behold, with sad yet chastened hearts the ravages of disease and death among our loved companions. How grateful we should be when we think that our family has never been called to mourn the loss of one of its members, the circle yet remains unbroken. But it will not always be so. [illegible] a [illegible] of veil is drawn over the future [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Our school has again commenced, over fifty students more than thirty gentlemen and about twenty ladies. Every thing goes on very pleasantly although our number is small. Several who were sick in the winter have returned this term. [illegible] is [illegible] our teacher. He has entirely recovered; says his health is better than before. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Martha [illegible] and [illegible]

attend school this term. They say they are going to answer your letter as soon as they possibly can. Mr. Clark's family are all [illegible] excepting Mrs. C. She gains very slowly indeed. is able to ride out a little. Louisa teaches the drawing class. She is going to teach this summer, and when she leaves [illegible] will take her place. I take drawing of [illegible] two hours a day [illegible] taking lessons in [illegible].

Randall

I commenced Virgil this term. Mr. Grant, M. M. Gardner, and myself compose the class. Mr. Farnham is the teacher of course. I assure you I feel lonely enough when I am in these recitations, that is, with no other ladies. I am also reviewing Natural Philosophy. I recite in Latin at ten, Philosophy at one, and draw from three to five. The school appears much as it used to though the classes are smaller, and we often think as we meet for prayers and pass through the halls and recitation rooms, of those, who were wont to meet with us there and but whose faces we shall never see there again.

Mrs. Saltman and family are well. Susanna Walton went home last week.

Wednesday morning

I commenced this last Saturday but have not had time to finish it until now. have but a few moments to write as it is most time to go to school. Saturday and Sunday it snowed fast and it was so cold and windy that it seemed as if we were going to have winter once again, but today the sun has come out as bright as ever and the sweet songs of the birds are again heard on the balmy air.

I shall be here but a few weeks this term, as John has engaged the school for me at home which will commence

about the middle of May. I expect to return [illegible].
My health is very [illegible], my headache troubled me [illegible] [illegible]
and made it rather difficult for me to get my lessons [illegible]
week. I feel [illegible] [illegible]. I cannot write any more now
it is school time and I must go. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the sheet for Elizabeth. Baby is well and good. Good bye,

Your affectionate sister May.

Dear [illegible]:

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and how happy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
but as that cannot be [illegible] [illegible] you by letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] as we are beginning to [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]. I am
thankful that in the midst of the sickness [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] gladdens our hearts to hear of your prosperity and happiness [illegible]
more would it be to hear that you had become a Christian. [illegible]
let your present engagements divert your mind from the [illegible] [illegible] of
Eternity. You have spoken of the earnestness and faithfulness of your
pastor. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon your [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
sister how much good you could do were you a true christian, and how
much will you have undone if you continue in impenitence. My
constant prayer for you is that you may become a faithful disciple of
the Savior. [illegible] you for your [illegible]
that we may know how you are engaged any hour of the day, though I
suppose that holds no longer than [illegible]. I cannot see how you can
so accurately divide your time. Do you have a bell every half hour?
Baby requires a great deal of attention. I have but little spare
time. We have a girl [illegible] a very good girl we think. She has been [illegible]
us but a little more than a week. [illegible] goes to school and boards
with us. It is a general time of health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] now. When we last

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] . . . Mrs Abbott hope she will recover her health. Caroline probably [illegible] [illegible], she appears much as she used [illegible] more [illegible] of course. They [illegible] at the [illegible]. Mrs Abbott also Mrs. [illegible] inquired for you [illegible] [illegible] prospering in Utica. [illegible] making his arrangements to come [illegible] there. Hope it will all [illegible]. What do you design to do

this vacation? Hope you will not be very lonely. Shall think often of you. No more time now. Write soon. With much love your sister,

Elizabeth B[illegible]

New Hampton Jan 1st 18[illegible]

Dear Sister Jane,

A happy New Year to you and all our loved friends. Many thanks for your kind welcome letter and the Christmas picture. The little ones are quite interested this year in saying their merry Christmas and happy new year. They have not understood it so well before. They hung up their stocking Christmas and they say [illegible] and [illegible] are their Santa Claus. The young ladies of the Seminary have had a Christmas tree and a large company present. The articles were all numbered and the tickets bought. The avails to go to increase their library. No one knew what they were to get — and it made a good deal of amusement. They

received over fifty dollars
Hope you are getting along pleasantly in your school. Suppose your term is about commencing again. We were sorry to hear that John and Sarah Maria are so poorly. Mean to write to them in a few days. You board with Robert gets do you not. How much I would give to come into your rooms there again as I used to and have a good social time. Do you have so much company as ever?

We are very glad to hear that Sarah is improving so fast. How strange it would seem to see her walking out one of these frosty cold winter mornings. Every thing must seem strange and beautiful to her. How I should love to see

her around like other people.
Wish Mary was getting along
as fast. She has been there a
much shorter time perhaps she
cannot expect you to improve
so rapidly. It would be a great
blessing if they could both enjoy
good health again. We should
be very happy to see them here
in the Spring before they return
home. Whether Sarah would be
very ... [illegible] ...
... I could not tell. Her physi-
cian could judge better. Were I
in her place I would not run
much risk. If they are not able
to come then hope they will
before long. Some of you must
certainly visit us in the course
of this year. But is getting late
and other duties call. Write soon
Yours ever Elizabeth L.

[illegible] Jan 2. 18[illegible]

Dear Brother Robert,

[illegible] you [illegible] these many days [illegible] hath [illegible] three [illegible] without either [illegible] from you [illegible] so often when [illegible] not [illegible] expectation to see you [illegible]. Do you keep your horse yet [illegible] one [illegible] on silk [illegible]. I suppose [illegible] change [illegible] ever [illegible] about a little bill [illegible] Mr. Dutton for furniture. [illegible] because [illegible] something [illegible] think [illegible] home [illegible] in Oct. or Nov. I think. [illegible] you would call on him and [illegible] Mr. Dutton. We should be very much obliged. [illegible] to have seen you [illegible] last Fall. Can not you come the [illegible] season. Hope you will not [illegible]. Write soon. Love from all [illegible]

Elizabeth

Extract

[illegible] 1851

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] longer than I have ever been absent from you all before at one time. Some changes have passed over us since then. Our dear invalid sister has greatly improved in health - I can hardly realise that she can walk again. John has moved far away, and death has invaded his little circle. How much I would give to hear that his health was restored and that they are happy in their new home. I often think of them and pray for their prosperity. It must have been hard for them so far away among strangers to weep for their [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] glad to hear that you are progressing in your school. [illegible]

2,

all your lady teachers are Holyoke
graduates, I think this quite a compliment
on you. You were the first I think -
You must succeed well to retain
your place so long. Hope you will
by all means make us that visit
this summer and Robert with you.
When shall we expect you? Shall
be disappointed if you do not come -
We should not be able to make that
visit to the White Mountains, perhaps,
but that would be so tiresome a hard
a journey you would hardly care about
it yourself I think - after coming so far
as here you would want to rest.
We shall expect you without fail.
I do not hear anything
from Lewis how is his health? I wish
I could visit you this summer and
attend the meeting of the American
Board at Chicago, but I cannot.

Carrie must think of coming [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] year.

The children are well asking you to what
[illegible]. Susie too goes to [illegible]. Her [illegible] is not well
yet though I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] weather [illegible]. She suffers much
from the heat. The baby is a dear little
thing. She is so good. She sleeps most of the time
and when she is awake she will generally
lie quiet and good in the cradle unless
she needs some attention. She has been
rocked but very little so far. Perhaps she
means to make it all up by and by. My
health is quite good. Mr. C. is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at Manchester.

[illegible] [illegible] prosperous [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. The scholars, both gentlemen
and ladies are generally of a more advanced
class than the most of our students, [illegible]
Philadelphia [illegible]. Some are fitting for college
and completing a graduating course.

I must close now. I wish to write a few lines to Robert. Please write me again soon. Tell me all that you would like to know if [illegible] of you anyway. Do not forget the day when we may meet you. Give my love to my friends and enemies too if you are any.

Good Bye, Jennie. Elizabeth.

Thursd. afternoon. It seems rather lonely here now Mr. Butler is gone. Wish you were here. Some days he wishes he could sleep till Monday, so his father would come back quicker. It is raining and cool today. Have you had much rain?

Mother Butler is writing. She wishes to send her love to you all. Are the [illegible] of Grandpa's [illegible] yet? If I knew I would write to them. Be a good boy, and come and see us.

New Hampton Aug 24 1857

Dear Sister Jennie,

I have often thought I should like to live in Lewisburg best of almost any place in the world. It seems to me the society must be very good there. How soon does their term commence? Hope you will be able to go. Should think you could not ask for an opportunity better than that. The climate there may agree with you, and you enjoy better health. I should consider

Dr Frances of Brooklyn first, you will
have time to go and see him. He may
be able to do something to increase your
work. He may [illegible] of any reference
to [illegible]. You might write to them
that your health is preventing your just-
now but you hope to be able to meet their
wishes. But you [illegible]
[illegible]
my business [illegible] I cannot change [illegible]
we shall [illegible]
[illegible] Elvira [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Mitchell

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] Aunt

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

home [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] But I

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible]

Elizabeth

[illegible] will have so much time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with you.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] that you [illegible] take cold, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] precaution, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] help [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to you, [illegible], but I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] time now I [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and what you [illegible] [illegible]. We shall feel anxious, to [illegible] from you [illegible]. I [illegible] this [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]. With much love to you with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear sister Jennie,

We were glad to get your letter. It seemed a long time since we had heard from you. We heard from Sarah a short time since and from home frequently – it seemed so good to hear from all. Sarah writes that they are very busy, and that she finds very little time to write. I have always thought I would like living in the West. But I begin to suspect that the reality would not be altogether so pleasant as the picture I have in my mind, especially if such storms as you describe are to be a feature of it. You must have had a trying fearful time.

I am glad your vacation is coming so soon – you must need it both of you. Hope you will be able to

... in pink in your corner and are enjoying yourself so well. It is a rare chance for you and I have no doubt but you will make the most of it. Wish my health was good enough to give Cynthia a good a chance. But it is necessary for her to assist me about my work, and she advances more slowly, but probably it will be better for her health.

Wish you would write us often as you can. We are always glad to hear from you. The children remember you and Jennie both. Johnnie remembers when you used to make trees on the floor for him with clothespins. Presume you do too. They frequently wish they could remember the piece you used to say to them about "Little Willie Brown".
"The night was dark in Ireland"
Do you remember it. But I must close now. Please write soon. Elizabeth.

New Hampton [illegible]

Dear Sister Anna,

It was quite a treat to get your letter. It was so long since you had written, I hardly knew whether you were in the habit of indulging in such luxuries. I suppose you are so very busy, you cannot be very extravagant in that line just now. Do the ladies of your school have any public exercises at the close of this term, and will you have any part in them. If so, do not fail to send us an invitation, or we shall consider it a great oversight.

By the way, have you had a Catalogue since you have been there. We received one of last year when you first went there but none since.

I'm glad you are getting

continue there another year. I [illegible] think the change you mention should be no reason why you should not remain if you can. It may not be quite so pleasant for you but you can still be useful there if you do the best you can. If we do our own duty we are not responsible for what others may do. Hope you will be able to recruit your health during the vacation.

You ought to spend the vacation in the best way to improve your health. Your long terms must be a great tax upon you.

We are getting along about as usual. We have had a very [illegible] Spring and the children have made the best of it. They have a good place to play in the yard.

We [illegible] glad to hear of the revival in your school. Hope you will continue to enjoy the presence of the Saviour what is more to be desired! Write again, whether you remain. Hope by all means you will. Elizabeth

So. Hampton, June [illegible]

Dear Jennie,

I am sure you must have wondered, if you have not been troubled, that I have not written you sooner. I wish some one would explain it to me, I do not [illegible]. I must not [illegible] intend [illegible] of that fearful storm. How thankful we should be that you were so mercifully preserved. ~~from~~ ~~injury~~. We have read in the papers of a more terrible storm, or whirlwind, than that, which [illegible], and have been thinking of that more near you. I dread for you a summer in Ill. if you stay there, since storms are of so frequent occurrence there. How do [illegible] feel during that storm? [illegible] generally [illegible] when we have [illegible] shadows. We have had beautiful weather here this Spring. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~. The [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible], and [illegible], as [illegible] for the kind [illegible] of our [illegible] letter [illegible] with gladness [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] laughing [illegible] light that [illegible] struggled through its [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] check [illegible] by [illegible] quivering lip and trembling hand and [illegible]

[illegible]

My restless thoughts like [illegible] would be free, but I cannot [illegible] above the mists, that [illegible] my prisoned spirit, [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ and catch one gleam of joyous sunlight, the same chafing [illegible], like a [illegible] from the [illegible] beneath, drags them down to earth, and with a galling chain confines them.

Oh [illegible]

Look not so [illegible] down tonight.

[illegible] how they [illegible] the [illegible] hand [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], might [illegible] purity.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] this is the [illegible] letter I have written [illegible] to you. How rapidly [illegible] are numbering. How fast we are drifted on in the stream of life.

I ought to have written [illegible] before, while you were in New York. But I have always [illegible] you were going to be there but a short time and [illegible] probably be at home before [illegible] letter would reach you.

Have you received any benefit from your stay there? Please write how you are. [illegible] sympathize with you in your affliction & often think of you. It must have caused

you many sad feelings. It has frustrated your plans and cast a shade over your spirit. But I trust you will be enabled to look as much as possible on the bright side. It is not so bad as loss of sight and there are still open to you many paths of usefulness and comfort.

New Hampton, Sep 12. 1861.

Dear Sister Jennie,

Thank you for your last letter. I wish we could hear from some of you every week. We have just been having a nice rain. It rained every day, and yesterday it rained all day. It is a long time since we have had a rainy day before. To day it is beautiful and [illegible].

This is the last week of the children's school and they seem to be glad. They will [illegible] vacation. How [illegible] close her school? We have all been having bad colds. I believe I have it about the worst. but I am getting over it.

Dear Sister [illegible]

[illegible]. If you visit Pomfret you
must come and see us. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], the
more [illegible]. You say your summer is
to be happy and we will try
and make you as happy as we
can. The school is moving on
pleasantly. Mr. B's health is good.
The summer has seemed very
short. Indeed we have had
very little warm weather, that is
very warm. I like the autumn
months. We have a good deal
of pleasant weather here during these
months. [illegible]
may expect you. One of the girls
ought to come with you. It will not
be safe for you to come alone.
But it is almost time to go to
bed. Good bye, dear, Elizabeth.

we do not have a very
good chance to pick them
in cellar here. there are so
many to pick them. Yet
between drying and picking we
have had a pretty good share.
Apples are very scarce here this
fall. we have a few mostly sour.
I am doing my work alone now
though I expect [illegible] the Bettie back
in two three months. The children
help me a good deal and will more
when their school closes.
They are all very glad
that [illegible] if you think of coming
out. I think you and [illegible] had
better come with the family. If
it were not so far I should
have come before to see you.
I have packed my papers and [illegible]
[illegible] I shall be done.

Farmington, Feb 12, 1861.

Dear Sister Sarah,

We have not written to us for some time & concluded [illegible] for long [illegible]. I cannot tell you how much good it did me to see you around so well and active again. I guess none of the children ever saw you so [illegible]. Surely Carrie we have [cause] for gratitude for so many mercies, and blessings.

This is a bright pleasant day. We have had pleasant [illegible] of these times, and the [illegible] on the town have begun to change. Have you had many [illegible] this [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]. If you visit Pawtucket you
must come and see us. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the
[illegible] here, that is [illegible], the
more fun. You say your mission is
to be happy and we will try
and make you as happy as we
can. The school is moving on
pleasantly. Mr. B's health is good.
The summer has passed very
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very warm. I like the Autumn
months. We have a good deal
of pleasant weather here during these
months. [illegible] [illegible] we
may expect you. One of the girls
might be come with you. It will not
be safe for you to come alone.
But it is almost time to get
tea. Good bye, love, Elizabeth.

[illegible]

Dear Children,

We received your letter containing an extract from paper to day. we are thankful to know that they escaped injury we were anxious to hear from them as we had seen accounts of the storm in the papers. It must have come very near to them.

Last week, Tuesday, there was a man killed [illegible] by lightning, I suppose [illegible] though he was going to the White [illegible] I think. He was a [illegible] Baptist minister, a good man, Eld. George. His daughter has been here to school. He was riding

horseback within but a few rods of reaching his own door. The horse and rider were both killed instantly. Thus are we frequently reminded of the uncertainty of life.

As to our visit to you this summer, we still think it would be better to defer it until September. We are very anxious to attend the meeting of the Board in Boston, as being the sixtieth anniversary it will be one of special interest, and we fear we could not take two such journeys so near together. The children are not very strong, and we fear the effect of ~~the~~ two long journeys in the extreme heat of the season.

and then the addition of so
large a number to your family
would be quite a tax upon you
in the hot season. We should
enjoy it if we could be sure
we should all be well. But we
are none of us very strong in
warm weather and cannot bear
great exposure. Last summer
when we went to Biddeford
we did not dare to wait
till the vacation on account of
the heat. I am very anxious to
come out and still I cannot
bear to expose the children
unnecessarily. I think the way
will seem clear for me to come
before long. What time is
your great meeting in September
I would prefer not to come

during that as you will have so much company, it will not be so good a time to visit.

Please to let us hear from you soon again. Give our love to all the family. We mean to write to John soon.

good by. Elizabeth Butler.

New Hampton June 23/1861.

Dear Sister Jennie.

Your kind letter has been too long unanswered, and now I can write but a line. It is near the close of the term, and then is the long vacation. We think some of going to Biddeford to visit. I am pretty busy getting ready for that and the close of the term. I am sorry I was not able to send you that root of my flower as you mentioned. I will try and remember it in the Fall or Spring. When you write the

cause the children were having the measles. They did not have them together but one after the other. We think they have got over them well. They all go to school.

Mr Butler and I went to Yearly Meeting week before last were absent five days. Had a good time.

Will try and write more next time. Love to all. Please write soon I long to hear from you.

Elizabeth

New Hampton, May 26. 1863.

Dear Sister Fannie,

Your letters have been received and very welcome as they always are. We were much concerned to hear of Maggie's sickness & very glad to hear that she is well again. That is a cruel disease and we are always alarm when we hear of it near. Hope you are now all well. I want very much to see you all. Little Hattie often says, O ma, when can I see Grandpa and Grandma Everett. Hope some of you will be able to come out and see us this Summer. If you go to Brooklyn you will be quite in piece on your way, and must not fail to come, if at all possible. We do not take the Tribune and I have not seen the advertisement to which you refer. I would not let them make any great experiments on my ear unless I felt very well satisfied that it would be best. It is better

Mr. B. came home last Friday. He has succeeded well. His tour seems to do him good. Do not know whether he will have to go again or not. There are two or three others out. Hope he has done his part. He will stay at home at least three or four weeks. We are all in usual health. I would write more but have not time now. With love and good wishes. Your sister, E. Batten

as it is than to be worse. It would be a cause of great gratitude if you could be helped in your hearing and I pray that a kind Providence may direct you to the safest and best means. Let me know when you go: I shall want to write to you, and I shall be very anxious to hear from you. Let me know particularly how you all are when you write next. Please mention each one. I fear you are not all quite well. I am going to write again to John soon. I forgot to send Lizzie's likeness in my last to him. Thank you for those seeds. Did that Arbutus live? Glad you are through housecleaning. We are too. I always dread that. You said you enclosed a sample of the kitchen paper, but you forgot it, I guess. You ask if it is right to feel anxious about Eddie's being drafted. I say yes, because you cannot help feeling so. I cannot. May it be so ordered in mercy that drafting may not be necessary after all. Glad news from Vicksburg today. Hope the rebellion is about to be crushed and slavery abolished. Shall we live to see that glad day

[illegible] 1855

[illegible]

[illegible] letter [illegible]
the Photographs. [illegible]
[illegible] to get them. I think [illegible]
very good. [illegible]
[illegible] and then. [illegible]
[illegible] wasn't it?
[illegible] of a letter from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you have [illegible].
I am glad you [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] give my
love to them [illegible] when you write.
[illegible]
I should like to have gone with the [illegible]
[illegible] the children that afternoon [illegible]
[illegible]. Our children would have enjoyed
it. I guess I should have chosen to have
gone there instead of the [illegible]

[illegible] when you [illegible] again [illegible] will
he sell his farm, perhaps when [illegible]
[illegible] there will be [illegible]
property. Give my love to John and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] too. give our love to them.
[illegible] were much pleased with
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I am indeed glad with you that your
health is so good. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] glad [illegible]

[illegible] letters, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] hands. It is nearly ten o'clock in night. Mr Butler had gone to Connecticut this morning on business of the [illegible] to return tomorrow night. Mother Butler and the children have gone to [illegible] I am alone [illegible] I wish you were here [illegible] your letter, Mr B. [illegible] [illegible] we all wish [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] your Hymn Book [illegible] for you. How long will it take to get [illegible]

when I had taken with a [illegible]
[illegible] and by the [illegible] not then [illegible]
your [illegible] in [illegible]!

Sometimes I think with a [illegible]
[illegible] and meaning to a year
[illegible] a past experience [illegible]
[illegible] you and [illegible] your together.

What a time of year [illegible] health
and the [illegible] is coming on
[illegible] Too fast for much maple
sugar. The farmers will be
disappointed and unhappy in that
[illegible].

I am having some very [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible] year.

Give my love to Mary and [illegible]
the [illegible] just [illegible] the girls [illegible]
[illegible] I wish Eddie would write [illegible]
[illegible] home [illegible] hoping [illegible]
to hear again. [illegible]

Elizabeth

New Hampton, Aug. 15. 1868.

Dear Sister Annie,

Your letter was received just before we left Biddeford for home. I am glad Aunt Sarah's mind was so unclouded before she died, and that she seemed so much more comfortable and happy. Owing to the state of her mind she did not enjoy much the last years of her life, and so death then to her heaven is all the more welcome. How thankful we should be for the christian hope for ourselves and for our friends.

I was glad, as ever, to hear from you again. Hope the children are all well again before now. We are all well. We think we are better for our vacation. We all enjoyed going into the salt water, we tried [illegible] [illegible] walk on the beach, and went in bathing every day. The children

enjoyed it all. I [illegible] [illegible] from
the [illegible] [illegible] I should [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible]. We have had very
warm weather here. It has been a
warm day today.

Our [illegible] [illegible] going again
next week. They have a prospect of a
large [illegible]. I am sorry you cannot
come and see us this Fall. I
want to see you all. Hope Lewis'
family are well again. Give my
love to them all! I am pretty
busy and have but little
time to write. I find my sewing
keeps me quite busy.

Are you all as busy as
ever? It is nearly dark, and
I must close now.

Please give my love to all.
Write soon again.

Yours as ever.

Elizabeth [illegible]

[illegible] Dec [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] in your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you have been naughty

[illegible] naughty [illegible] you can be

[illegible] you [illegible] to forgive you

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

as those have already as for the pleasure we have had in reading them. Like Burns I wish [illegible] "poetry" who [illegible] will not - in the simplest things. That to me was always the greatest charm in Burns.

[illegible] that too and am delighted with her pleasant epistle but sorry she "enjoys poor health" in the language of many, but is obliged to try to enjoy it in [illegible]. Mary went away about the last of Aug. and is expected back next week. Father [illegible] has gone to Enfield to visit with him. She has had quite a trip. I presume now she is hurrying home because we have got to move the [illegible] part of February. Father sold his farm and we have not yet determined where we shall [illegible] located. It is not his intention

[illegible] farm again [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] years [illegible]

[illegible] the next [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] be [illegible]

[illegible] I have been [illegible]

[illegible] leave a [illegible] but and [illegible]

[illegible] Henry has come home Dec 14 and

[illegible] after [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] was sick and

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] college. And [illegible]

[illegible] which seemed the [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] yet [illegible]

[illegible] obtained [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] town [illegible]

[illegible]

Hillside Feb 24 62

~~Dear~~ Dear Jennie

The only thing which has served to relieve my loneliness during your absence is a pleasant sleigh=ride, I, of course, being one of the happy riders. Ellen and Pierce completed the number of our little party. The air was just cool enough to invigorate without chilling, while the light had that peculiar mellow softness which it so often wears at the close of a windless day. Before our journey ended however this fair coloring [illegible]

Saturday morning

Dear Jennie

We are really getting anxious to see you all again. Is it not strange? I believe I miss you more and more. It does not seem right never to see Jennie coming in from the office or anywhere. Anna takes mine place on it now - then poor little Sis. You see we take turns in pouring tea, and such important matters. In many things of course, none of us can presume to take your place. Hope she will soon be with us. But don't think we want you to hurry home. Eddie and Mary will go up the first of the week.

Have you been into any picture gallery? You remember the catalogue of prints from Lucia to Fred we have. I have been thinking I would like to see them there, and perhaps you could. How soon is Dr. Dodd going to leave?

[illegible]

Dear friends at home,

I have just written the [illegible] of the [illegible] to you [illegible] having [illegible] home

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the Dalton [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

to them [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] about

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible],

[illegible], but still quite

[illegible] the

girls have velvet hats and
black silk [illegible] and the
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
good bye [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible]
Love to all
[illegible] B.
I shall write soon again.

London [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] just [illegible]

your letter, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], that [illegible]

[illegible] after [illegible]

commencement [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible]
all [illegible] then we shall [illegible]
[illegible] a little [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you all [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] we all [illegible]
my kind regards to [illegible]
to you all. [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] your [illegible].

Elizabeth [illegible]

Lewiston, Nov. 1. 1871.

Dear Jennie and all,

We were very happy to receive your letter and to hear of your safe arrival home. It is now just a week ~~yesterday~~ yesterday since you left here. The weather here was delightful and we were glad you had so good a time. but afterwards we had quite a rain. And this week we have had another.

I was sorry you had to shorten your visit. Sunday Mrs. Hayes inquired if you had left. She said she designed to have called on you before you returned. She is one of my best friends here. I should like for you to be acquainted with her. She called this evening and

The widow is now in [illegible] the [illegible] is for fear [illegible] prosperous, they are dancing [illegible] to get those home. [illegible] dinner. Linnie is coming. I must close, hoping to hear from you soon. Love from all to all. Yours ever, Elizabeth. I am mending today. This afternoon I guess I shall make [illegible] some [illegible] is pleasant.

Thurs. morn. it is a very pleasant, splendid day. Do excuse the sitting-room blots.

I went out to walk a little ways with her.

Last evening Lizzie had ten of her class here to visit her - just to spend the evening. They had quite a pleasant time, conversation, apples, dominoes, game of authors looking at views, photographs &c. They admired your fairy castle very much.

To day I have been ironing, and tomorrow Lizzie has to do up the starched things. She is practicing now, and Hattie is here at the table getting her grammer lesson. And Johnny reading the evening paper - and Mr. B. standing at the stove, resting.

Pres. Cheney's family moved into their house yesterday. But a small part is done, you know, but they will occupy it

while the rest is finished.
Capt. Holland will get into his house before Winter.
Mother B. has not come yet and we have heard no more from her. She is probably visiting, and may not come for some time yet.
I really wish I knew just what you are all doing now. Is your Magazine out and gone? I hope so - and that you are having a little rest now. Hope you are all well. John Eddie, I think a great deal of your yard stick. I am sorry you forgot your little blocks, in that little box. I will keep them for you and if I have a chance I will send them. It was too bad you had to pay fare for John Eddie. I do not think it was fair, he is so young. Have you seen Alex. yet? Please write what Uncle N. and aunt

James are going to do, that is, where they are going to live.

And when you write, be sure and give me sister Mary's address. I cannot find it - and I want to write to her. Have you heard again from John, and from Eddie. Are Lewis and family well. I want to see you all.

Last Sabbath evening I went to prayer meeting in the vestry of our church. We had a very good meeting -

Lizzie is going to get her a new dress for Winter - What color do you think would be pretty for her. Have you heard from our cousins in Chicago I should like to know whether Mr Haffron lived in the burnt district. Have you heard from Ella Lewis? we have not. Good night now all, father, mother, sisters, John & Eddie and all. The wind blows, whew, to night.

[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible],

I [illegible]
to hear from you, [illegible]
know how long it [illegible]
have written. We are [illegible]
very hot and dry here now, [illegible]
the weather for ague — hope we shall
not have it. Our summers [illegible]
warmer here than we [illegible]
[illegible] then [illegible]
higher, and there [illegible] much more
of it. [illegible]
[illegible] into a house of our own.
There are a great many blackberries
on our place and they are very nice
only the dry weather is drying them
up very much, and will the peaches
unless we have rain. We have

enjoyed the fruit very much.
the only drawback has been that
we could not share it with you.
I have wished so many times that
some of you could be here.
We are all enjoying good health
except my lameness. Mr. B's health
is better than it has been for several
years. I wonder if a change of
climate might not be a benefit
to Cynthia. We should be glad
to have her come and try it, if
you think best, if one of the others
could come with her for company.
We shall have room enough.
and would do all we could
to make them comfortable, and
to enjoy it. I fear cousin Ella
has gone home without coming
to see us. Mr. B. and Johnny
saw her in Chicago and she
said she would surely come.

but it is so some more, I fear
are decided differently. I am
sorry not to see him. Judging
from your note, that you should
judge so much the more to see any
of you. We have enjoyed the
vacation. It has been so quiet
Term begins again, week after
next. They have commenced
rebuilding the college and are
pushing it on rapidly. Instead
of having it all in one large
building as before, now they
are to have three or four
distinct buildings, which
we think will be better.
I hope William's brother will
be here to commence next
term as he calculated. I
think he will like here.

Do you think sister Mary is
getting along well in New York

[illegible] write particularly.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] be able [illegible]
How is [illegible] getting along?
Does he get homesick for Kansas?
How does John get along there all alone. I am going to write to him very soon. All the [illegible] have gone to bed, and I must go too. Hope you are all well as usual. Give our love to everyone. Hattie says she is going to write to Maggie soon.

[illegible]
[illegible] have [illegible] a few [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in and see you [illegible]
this morning and drink some of our nice butter milk. I got a little [illegible]
[illegible] not often. [illegible]
[illegible]
of the month. After that is over [illegible]
[illegible] to hear from [illegible]

Hillsdale, Oct. 26.

Dear Sister Jennie,

We received the magazine, and thank you. I have puzzled a good deal over it to get the meaning of the piece [illegible] second page of cover "To our friends". I think it is to know whether it is best to go on with the publication or not. Please mention in your next. I fear you are having perplexities that worry you more than we know. I have felt anxious about everything. It must be hard for you to see her suffer so much. Has she come home yet? You must all be anxious about Mary's undertaking so much. If she succeeds, it will be a noble thing. But I fear, dear child, she is only too sanguine. She ought

[illegible] morning. Please write as often as you can. With much love to all. [illegible] as ever, Emma. [illegible]

to be careful not to involve you. so that if the worst fail it will not distress you all. Perhaps it is because I do not understand it, but I have worried a good deal about her great venture.

I am sorry we could not have come out this summer. It seems so long to wait till next summer. and life is so uncertain. I trust we shall all be spared to see each other once more. I am glad there are so many of you there to be a comfort to each other.

We have all been in usual health this summer. It has been a pleasant season and generally healthy. My lameness continues the same. otherwise my health is good. Crops have been very good here this season.

We bought our potatoes for twenty cents a bushel. butter 25cts. flour 6 dollars a barrel, beef steak 12½. chicken 12½ &c. We think things are much cheaper here than at the East; and so it is easier to live. The most we miss is being so far from our friends. We have seen none of them since we came here except Mr. Thompson of Boston.

Our cold weather has come early this Fall. We have had a good many frosts and the leaves are falling from the trees. Most of the time we need fires to keep warm. Carrie has been having the baby's picture taken this week. I think she means to send you one. She will be a year old next Sunday. She does

not walk, but hitches around and so gets round that way. We shall be glad to see her walking. She is very healthy, only once in a while has a cold like the rest of us. I am hoping to hear from John soon. I wrote to him not long ago. Hope to hear from you soon. You will be busy now I suppose, the last of the month. Give our love to all our friends. I feel anxious to know how Cynthia is, after getting home. I hope mother's health is good as usual. I wish she was near enough to come and spend the winter with ~~us~~. We would try and make it pleasant for her.

I will send you a programme of the [illegible] the [illegible]. The music was [illegible] mostly from [illegible] Christine. It was a fine meeting. There was essays after the several music was for the prize, a small book

[illegible], [illegible] 187[illegible].

[illegible],

[illegible] [illegible] yesterday. That was the anniversary of Lizzie's marriage. [illegible] years have passed very rapidly. We were spending the day with them and had a very pleasant time. The baby Ella Claire we think is very interesting and sweet. She is nine months old, will be a year the 24 of Oct. She has six teeth and is a very solid little body. Did I tell you how she gets her name. Ella is Frank's sister, and Claire is after a dear friend of Lizzie's who died when we were in Lewiston.

How very sad that dear Cynthia's health is so poor. Her profuse perspiration, must be very weakening. Indeed she cannot endure

so long. I wish I was near enough
that I might help. I shall
feel very anxious to hear again.
She must be in a very critical state
and must suffer a great deal.
I fear it will be too much for
mother to go down to see her, and
indeed she could not help them.
I suppose that Mary understands her
case best and will see that all
is done that can be.

I am sorry to hear that William's health
is [illegible] so poor. Probably it is too near
the sea there. The air is bad for the lungs.
Does he cough [illegible] he [illegible].
I hope Elizabeth's health will continue
good. Perhaps the [illegible] the air here
[illegible]. We have great reason to be
thankful that we are all so well.
Mr. Walker finds the climate here
better for him than in New England.
It is not so cold in the winters [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] better than
[illegible] journey.

the rest are well also. I do not
get over my lameness but my
general health is good.
Thank you for the roots you
sent. Most of them are growing well
the daisy has a white blossom on it
and the forget-me-nots are all
growing nicely, but no buds yet.
I am sorry it is so hard to
get your [illegible], and have [illegible]
[illegible] as you say. Cannot you write
what you would say as we cannot
see you now. I miss it more than
any thing else, being so far
from all of you. But as we
cannot see each other we must
write more. Mother is intending
to write as soon as she can, but
she has so much to make up the
income which keeps her very busy.
I often think of Henry, trying to
get along in that great city. I hope
he will not get in debt and
embarrassments and have a hard

I must go now and get dinner and try and finish this after, for the afternoon mail. I shall [illegible] after dinner to the [illegible] tomorrow. I suppose you will soon be getting [illegible] again towards the last half of the month. I had a letter from father about home some time, which I shall answer very soon. I should have been glad if we could have seen him when he returned. He must be lonely without Mother so long.

It is Friday evening again. The weeks seem to pass very quick. How is uncle Henry's health? It was quite poor the last I heard. ~~Does the~~ is he able to go out much?

I must close now. Write again soon, Fannie dear, and have that "good talk" by letter. I hope to hear that Cynthia is better. Please give my love to all our friends. and a large share for yourself. Your sister as ever, Elizabeth.

Kingston, Jan. 23. 1876.

Dear Sister Jennie, and all.

Your good kind letter of Jan. 4 was duly received, and we were glad to learn that you were all so well and especially that Cynthia's health was improving so much. Hope she still continues mending. It would be such a blessing if she could again enjoy comfortable health. We were glad that mother's health continues so comfortable. You seem to have as remarkable a winter as we have here. though more snow. We haven't had more than two inches at any time, and then but a few days. no sign of sleighing, and the weather mild never down to

year. We all keep quite busy
in our various ways. and
all quite well so far. I always
think of you as the end of the
month approaches and you are
getting so very busy. You must
be careful of health through
it all. We have been having
very interesting meetings since
the week of prayer and they still
continue, a great deal of interest
in the school and in the
church. also in some of the
churches down town.
How wonderful is the
success of Moody and Sankey.
How I should like to attend
some of their meetings. I fear
I should be one of the selfish ones.
We have quite a good minister
here, a brother of Mrs. Jenners
who was for some time a

teacher in New-Hampshire

I do not know but she may have been there when Cynthia was there.

I thank you for the flower and daisy from father's grave. It must have been a pleasant surprise to find them there in almost midwinter. Very different from last winter.

Hattie wishes me to ask if aunt Sarah received a letter from her about thanksgiving time about the last of November. She has never mentioned it and so Hattie thinks it may have been miscarried.

Frank thinks some of moving back to Lewiston. His mother and family are there and he has never been quite contented here, though Jennie likes better

here. We should feel bad to
have them go but if he can
be better there I suppose we
ought to be willing. He has
not decided fully but I think
most likely they will go in
the spring. His friends are
very anxious to get them back.
The baby is getting more
interesting every week, and I
think he will be walking soon.
Please give our love to all
our family. I wish Lewis and
Jane would find time to drop
me a few lines. And Eddie
and his wife I should
be so glad to hear from
them. I wrote to Mary a few
days ago. I shall write to
John soon. I must close this
tonight to be ready to go out in
the morning. Good night then
dear friends, all and please write
soon. Yours as ever E. G. B.

Hillsdale, May 23, 1872.

Dear Jennie and all.

Your kind letter was received a few days since. You wish to know about what time we shall come. We cannot yet tell. probably not very soon after commencement. That occurs three weeks from next Thursday. and it may be some time after that. As soon as we can tell, you shall know. Indeed I feel troubled about coming upon you so in the hot weather. Wont it be too much for mother. does she think it is all a good plan? We must try and let Mary know in season to meet her there if possible.

We are pretty well except my lameness, which continues about the same. Hattie is very busy now and so will not write. Let us hear from you soon again. I cannot write more now. With love to all. Excuse the shortness of this. Yours with much love and many good wishes

as ever
Your sister
and daughter
Elizabeth.

[illegible]dale, Sep. 15th.

Dear Sister Jennie

Mr. B. has gone down to the Post office and I hope he will bring a letter or at least a postal from home. We are feeling anxious about Cynthia and the rest of you. It is two weeks today since your last was written. That is mothers and yours. How have you all been these two weeks. Does Cynthia still lie much the same? We have thought so much of you. If I could have helped I should have stayed with you. I am still about the same. able just to get about the house, and do as little as possible.

I think after I get well rested I shall try Eaton Rapids. In other respects my health is good. I have tried other things without much good. perhaps nature has compounded a cure for me there. I want much to hear from you all. Have you made any arrangement about the Centradore? Hoping to receive the last no. Mr. Butler has come in but no letter. I know you are all so busy you have little time for letters. Wish I knew whether you have the help you expected. It is the first of the month and you are not quite so busy - Do please some of you write if it is only a postal.

Our peaches are beginning to ripen. Wish you could have

some of them. and that I had some of your good butternuts.

Mr. B's term commences tomorrow. So the students begin to come in. There will not be quite as many as usual probably, on account of hard times. We have heard from Lizzie. She is housekeeping again and they are well as usual. Her rooms are upstairs and I fear it will make it hard for her. though the arrangements are such that she will not have to go up and down much. Please mention if Mary has gone back to New York. Hope none of the rest of you are sick. Please give my love to every one. We all send love. ~~Hoping~~ to hear from you soon

Your sister as ever,

E. E. B.

Iowa. It is cold and quite like fall today.
Please send the enclosed to Anne.

[illegible] Jan. 9 [illegible]

Dear Sister Jennie,

Since your letter I know. Your letters are so much better than mine that I am always in your debt. I have been suffering more from my lameness for a little time past and when I don't feel so much like writing. But now I am some better I will try and make up. Sarah and William have just had a real good letter from Sister Mary. She tries to do her best to help us all. Next summer when she takes her vacation perhaps you could all come out and see us. If you have the train along it would be safe for mother and it [illegible] and if Mary and Sarah do stay you will want to see where we all live. Perhaps the change might do you all good.

I think my journey east so much did me good. My general health is very good indeed. My appetite uniformly good so I have more hope for my lameness. anyway I shall keep up good courage about it. That won't hurt me. I enjoy having Sara & [illegible] here ever so much. Now I have to stay in the house so much, I enjoy their company the more. Sarah rubs me every morning when I get up, which helps me more than any thing else.

I do hope Anna is better before this. we feel anxious to hear again. Mr. [illegible] has just commenced again & he and John are quite busy again.

Give my love to [illegible] and family. Please excuse my writing. I cannot write as well as I used to, but I can read more. It is time for me to close. Hoping soon to hear from you. With love your sister

[illegible] B.

Hillsdale, Mar. 2 1877.

Dear Jennie,

Hattie is not here to answer your kind letter so I will write a word. I am getting along about the same do not see much difference yet. Glad you think Michigan air is so good - hope you will get up courage to come out and try it. we should all be so glad. Sarah and Wm's. visit did us as much good as it did them, I know. I think it is more than half to keep up good courage. and one cant if they keep in the same ruts too long. It seems lonely without Hattie and Johnnie.

Hope they will be home all right Monday night. Our ground is all bare - some rain last night. As I cannot work much I am able to read more and enjoy that. I am able to keep up my mending, so that is something.

Major Cole the evangelist is holding union meetings here now. Large attendance and much interest. Should be glad to attend the meetings if I was able. I must close now Mr. B. wants to carry this down. Write often as you can and give our love to all. Yours Affectionately.

Elizabeth.

[illegible] Aug 7. [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] It seems a long

[illegible] have heard from you. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] — she used to take [illegible]

[illegible] cup. And I presume she [illegible]

[illegible]. She is a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have your [illegible]

[illegible] is [illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible]. They are very [illegible] children

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

and green [illegible] hills, quite a variety of

scenery. But wherever you go you have the

[illegible] and getting [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible]

providence. He [illegible] has been very [illegible] but he doeth all things well." [illegible] now but we shall [illegible] [illegible] left that call for your gratitude [illegible] through [illegible] [illegible] bless his name and [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible]. Happy shall we be if when the [illegible] shall be found with our [illegible] our work done. [illegible] us [illegible] you have opportunity.

[illegible]

[illegible] from Sarah. She has now been in Saratoga over two months and I have heard nothing of the effect of the treatment upon her. [illegible] forebodings [illegible]

[illegible] home again [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] can write [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] will not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to me, [illegible]
[illegible] We have not heard a word
from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] write soon.
[illegible] Elizabeth

[illegible] July 23 18[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ill health [illegible]

[illegible] come [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] health [illegible]

[illegible]

Baby is well now [illegible] has been quite unwell for a few days — bad cold [illegible]

[illegible] Father has been quite sick again [illegible]

Erysipelas in [illegible] face and head. was sick about a fortnight and then had [illegible] the same as last summer. is pretty well again but not as well as before [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] else. [illegible] she would never had [illegible]

[illegible] fever [illegible] not been for that.

We are sorry to hear that Sarah's health is [illegible] so feeble. I [illegible] my hopes to have seen her [illegible] there before now. Does not Dr. [illegible] treatment seem to agree with her? Wish she could go to school where Miss Marsh went.

1850

Miss Mary H. Everett
[illegible]
Middlesex Co.

It is growing late I am in my chamber prepared for bed. [illegible] asleep in the cradle. I [illegible] short as I expect every moment he will [illegible]. When have you heard from [illegible]? [illegible] or two or three weeks. You said you would [illegible] again soon. I think we had better not come home now [illegible] here from [illegible] again. This does not look [illegible] I have had to write as fast as [illegible] good night. Love to all [illegible] Eliza [illegible]

[illegible] Feb. 13

Dear Sister Mary

[illegible] the constituted "[illegible] of the family" I will through you write to all. We are [illegible] obliged for your kind and affectionate invitation and shall only be too happy to avail ourselves of it for at least for a time. Since you last heard from us our prospects for the summer are a little changed. At the time [illegible] [illegible] who, there is to be [illegible] school [illegible] July or Aug. This [illegible] opportunity [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. It will be very [illegible] for the [illegible] they need change and rest [illegible] we shall probably remain [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], perhaps [illegible] send them on to N.H. then visit you a few weeks before going ourselves. It seems [illegible] to think of going so far as the time draws nearer, but I trust it will be for the best.

[illegible] have been a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] has been more permanent so far
than most of our acquaintances and
we have nothing to complain of. We
expect to enjoy a good visit with you
before we go and then travelling is
so easy now that our new home will
not be so very distant after all. Perhaps
you will let one of the girls go with us
for a year. There will be a good opportunity
for school there, and I think it would be
pleasant all round.

We shall move most of our
best furniture with us, as we shall not
probably have an opportunity to sell it,
but there will be many things useful
in a family that we shall not be able
to dispose of. I do not know whether
you would care about the trouble of sending
for some of them. Our vinegar barrels & [illegible]
you would like. They are good and they
make such excellent vinegar. Mr. D.
thinks it would be worth your while to come
for a [illegible]. If you lived nearer there would
be a good many things that would be
worth removing.

be [illegible] [illegible] anxiety about Henry
whenever you write, write about him
if you have heard from him. I am
some apprehensive about the effects
of cold water he has so little
vitality. [illegible] is [at] Church. I shall
be glad to spend a little time with
her again. But I must close with
much love to all. Affectionately Yours

Elizabeth

New Hampshire April 10. 55

Dear Mary and [illegible]

We're very glad to hear from you again. Your letters are now doubly welcome being the only means we have of hearing from you [illegible].

Were glad to hear that you had a good donation and that [illegible] is still improving. Hope she will be benefitted by her present visit to Saratoga and that Cynthia also will regain her health. Hope you will be able to recover your health, wish you were nearer so that you could spend part of your play spell with us. I am sure I do not see why you cannot be cured if you are careful. Should like to step in and see Father and mother and the rest of you one of these days. [illegible] [illegible] with you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] at least there is quite an amount of snow still on the ground, though the warm [illegible] are carrying it gradually off. [illegible] the ground here settles very [illegible] when the snow is once gone, it is [illegible].

Since I wrote you last we have moved to a new home - our own, and have just got nearly settled. It is very difficult to hire a convenient house. We were obliged to leave where we were - the house was sold - so Mr. Butler thought best to buy. We have a very pleasant, convenient house - with near an acre of land [illegible] some apple trees. It is near the institution and the church. Indeed we like it better than the house we had at Whitestown it is not so much too large for us, while still it is large enough.

The children have been much healthier all through the past winter than they

were last winter. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
but [illegible] not either of them as to [illegible]
yet. Do not think we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
this summer. Johnny begins to read [illegible]
reads pretty well in words of three
letters - and Lizzie knows more than
half her letters. They frequently speak of
their friends in New York and wish they
[illegible] [illegible] them.

We feel anxious to hear from
John. Should like to visit them when
they get settled in their new home.
Mr. Butler really begins to talk of [illegible]
already. When you write be sure and
tell us whether you have heard from
them. Shall write to Jane and [illegible]
again as soon as I can. Please give our
love to them. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], why does she not write a word?
Is Eddy as well as before his sickness?
Mother Butler sends her love to all.

The revival interest continues here
still — mostly in the school. The
meetings are interesting and well attended.
Hope we will hear from you
again soon. Love to all.

Yours as ever
Elizabeth Butler

New Hampton Dec. 10 1855

Dear Sister Jane,

We received your letter last week. were very glad to hear that you were enjoying better health. We inferred however from one of John's letters that Jennie was not in good health. What is the matter? you did not mention in your letter.

Glad to hear that your health is improving. It cost me quite a struggle not to encourage you to stay when you were here, but I feared the journey for you alone. If it had not been [illegible] I would have made you wait till I could go home with you.

We have just had a letter from Jane. I should think she had a [illegible]. She seems to enjoy

husband. Oh I hope she will be useful and happy. Sorry to hear news so discouraging from John. They must have had a very hard time. Hope it may not be long before the blessings of health and prosperity may yet smile upon them in their home.

How wonderful it does seem that [illegible] is so restoring [illegible] health. I wish I could see her. I shall try and visit the [illegible] before long. I am very busy and find but little time for writing or visiting.

The children are all very well. They cough but very little. I am glad they have had the cough and are so well over it. A good many children are having it around us.

Thank mother for her kind words and remembrance of me. How I wish I could see her and

e all of you. Wonder if I shall
be able to visit you next
Summer. How is the winter
with you? We are having but
very little snow here as yet and
have had but very little very
cold weather.

The children want very
much to write to you but I have
not time to let them now. Will
try and write again soon and
let them write a little then.
Mary, you do not know how
much good that little book, "Songs
for Little Ones," has done the
children. Johnny has no other name
for it but, "the book that Aunt
Mary gave me". But I must
close with lots of love to all of
you. Do write as often as you can
and tell us all about you. I am
going to try to write oftener. Elizabeth

& Dear Friends,

In a late letter to us Cynthia, I believe it was, inquires, why does not Br. B. write sometimes? I think I ought to apologize for my neglect to write, but I have kept Elizabeth to represent well. So Cynthia will not suppose that I have in any measure lost my interest in beloved friends far away. We often think and speak of you all, wish we knew how you were, what you were doing, and could see you. We very much miss the opportunities we once enjoyed of seeing you often, and visiting you. On Saturday, or in vacation. I often think how I wish Utica was as near as it once was.

My brother is now within seven miles of us, so that we often see him & family. Lita is within 100 miles. Now if you could be as near as formerly we should be most happy. But we do not have the ordering of our circumstances.

We are very pleasantly situated here. The society & various advantages are all we could desire. There is some revival interest in the church, and the meetings are good.

We were very glad to receive a visit from Robert & the girls. So then have found the way we hope to see them again & others of you. How glad we should be to see father & mother here, and others of you. Cannot Mary or Cynthia, or Anne come & spend the summer with us? By the way, why does not Anne write us? We are pleased that Jennie has so good a place. We feel deeply for Br. John & his family, & hope they will soon see better days. I wish to be remembered to Lewis, Eddie, and all of you. I will endeavor to write oftener.

Truly Yours, J. J. Butler.

[illegible], Nov. 11, 1857.

Dear Mary,

I will [illegible] write you a very few [illegible] in acknowledgment of your kind letter. I am very busy and have been since my return from Lowell, or I should have written you before. I find a good many garments needed for cold weather. The children's school commences next week and they seem much pleased with the prospect. They are to have the same teacher as last winter, Mr. Prescott, which suits them well. They are all in excellent health. Do you dread cold weather? It is very windy,

today. we have had a cold day [illegible] [illegible]. We had an excellent letter from John the other day. they seem to be in [illegible] is and doing well. [illegible] matter, the 28. [illegible] I think [illegible] wrote to our children. [illegible] seem to have them write [illegible]. Cynthia, how did you find the seeds do that [illegible] took from home. I mean to send John some [illegible] have a kind of white beans that are much better for our short seasons than the common ones, the blue pods. they need not be planted before about the 25th of June, and still ripen in good season in the fall.

I mean to send you some

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or else I will bring them
next Spring.

How are you all
was Jennie [illegible]. Give
my love to [illegible] family
when all [illegible]
I often think [illegible] I would
like to stop [illegible] see
you all. Give [illegible] love to Father
and Mother. I [illegible] wonder
[illegible] seen them [illegible] they
went to [illegible]
By the way, I am writing in
your room. The children still
call it so. [illegible] wishes
you would write to her.

Think I must close
now. Will write again
soon. Write soon, want
to hear from you all.
Love to all Elizabeth

Northampton Sept 1, 1862.

Dear Sister Mary,

I do not know as it is hardly fair for me to write a letter in reply to each one of you, for then you get so many more letters than I do, or rather I have to write so many more than you do. But is Thomas' letter. This will make the third letter I think, [illegible] I have been home since I have heard from you. So that I do not know but the way I have stated it was correct after all.

I suppose you are nearly through your meetings now

[illegible]

times they have as good as
usual? The weather has been
favorable. Hope you have all
enjoyed ~~them~~ and are not tired
out. How much company have
you had?

To morrow was the day
that I set to start for N. York.
It has rained all day to day and
is still raining hard. If I had
carried out my plan I should have
been home with you a day after
to morrow night. But it would
have deprived the children of the
pleasure of coming, so I think it
is better as it is. The few additional
months will soon pass
away. And then we will enjoy
it all the more. The children
are greatly pleased with the

Please write soon, and don't forget your [illegible] the

prospect. Lizzie thinks she has a right to go out to see Cynthia.

I hope you are all enjoying good health. Please tell us about the expected strangers in Lewis's family and in cousin John's. Have they come yet? I [illegible] to [illegible] you hear from brother John in Kansas? I am careful to preserve his letter for you. Are they suffering from the dry weather where they are?

We are prospering about [illegible]. We have a great crop of [illegible] in this year. How is it with you? Grandma Butler has been knitting her a [illegible] a pretty large one, it is real pretty wish you could see it. She made me three last fall. I am quite proud of them.

[illegible]

I do not know whether I shall
be able to go to Boston to that
meeting or not. think I shall.
The Summer has seemed
so short. It hardly seems
as though Autumn could be
here so soon. But so it is
and we have to begin to calculate
for cold weather. I want to get
me a warm thibet dress for next
winter. what color would you
get? also would you get
a good broadcloth cloak?
I wore my [illegible] last
winter and a warm sack
again. I was afraid to get a
cloak for fear it would be
out of style, they have been
worn so long. What do you
and the rest think of it? Important
question, isn't it? Please tell me though.

[illegible] for father and mother, [illegible] and Sarah and [illegible] together
and Eddie as well. Lewis and family. I would like to hear from you [illegible]

New Hampton, Oct. 8. 1862.

Dear Sister Mary.

We recieved your letter yesterday, and you may be sure we very glad to get it. We did not receive that letter of Cynthia's and it seemed a long time since we had heard from you. I am very sorry to hear that you have been sick. What was the matter? Please write more particularly, and how are you now? I am sorry to hear that father and mother are not well. Hope this will find you all better. Does Jennie's hearing continue the same? Has she ever written to Dr. Lighthill who advertises in the Independent? I am glad that Sarah and Cynthia continue to be well. Is Anna at home; how is her health? Is Eddy as well as ever? I wish you would all

write to me. And Lewis and Jane and their little ones, I wish I could see you all. I am glad Lewis is going to have a new house before Winter It must be more comfortable than his old one. Tell him from me to be sure not to go in until it is entirely dry, and the smell of new paint well off. Better wait a little too long than not long enough.

When have you heard from John and his family? Is Aunt Sarah with you now?

Johnnie was taken with the fever a week ago today, and is getting along well. He had it the lightest of either of them.

[illegible]. They are all getting along well. [illegible]

them all as [illegible] as [illegible]
the daily paper.

Have I told you that
[illegible] brother [illegible]
an Indian [illegible] of his family [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] there [illegible]
[illegible] family [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Indian [illegible]
[illegible] will probably be [illegible]
[illegible]

Please [illegible]
your Cousin [illegible]. Do not forget
[illegible] to hear, [illegible]
some time ago that his health was
quite poor.

[illegible] getting [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]
Hope [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]ter E. [illegible]

[illegible] 9 [illegible]

[illegible]

They tell me you are in [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

spoken of [illegible] a few [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the change must have [illegible]

[illegible] one to you and I

[illegible] your health [illegible]

improve. Do you have
headache as you used to?
I should like to know
how you are situated, what
church &c. Please write
also the name of the
lady you study with,
& your other associates
about it. I have just been
reading in a work entitled
"Eminent Women of the Age"
a sketch of some who have
devoted themselves to the
study and practice of
medicine. The whole
book is very interesting
we are all quite well.

this Winter. Mrs. P's
health continues quite
good. Did I tell you I was
having a sewing machine?
I think it is going to be
a great help to me and Lizzie
[illegible] better than
[illegible] though [illegible]
[illegible]. It [illegible] complete
[illegible] The [illegible]
[illegible]
Today [illegible]
[illegible] bought [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] thought [illegible]

[illegible]
Johnny goes to two classes.
The school commenced again
before last with a good
number of scholars.
It is growing dark and
[illegible] take this to
the office. Hope you will
write soon. We all send
our love to you.

As ever your sister

E. W. B.

how the coming Summer. When do
you expect to be at home again
Do you think [illegible] then enjoy [illegible]
she is? Hope she will have health
and not overdo herself.

We are all well as usual
and quite busy. Father has gone
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
to the [illegible]

[illegible]

What medical [illegible] [illegible] of a Medical Female College in New York [illegible] sufferance [illegible], but did not see your name [illegible] where you are [illegible]! [illegible]

[illegible] used to [illegible]

in three forms. we could
not have nicer weather, plea-
sant enough to be comfortable.
The morning I cannot ex-
press. first I am busy.
I am quite busy just now, for
we are going to have [illegible]
and [illegible] them.

Hope you are all getting
along well. [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] to
to hear from you
soon. Yours [illegible]

E. [illegible] L. B.

Lewiston. Aug. 21, 1871.

Dear Father, Mother, & all.

As the others are writing I will put in a few lines. We are all pretty well, & are having pleasant weather. Our term commences this week, and the students are coming in. Several new ones preparing for the ministry have already come. Prospects favorable in all the departments. The vacation has done me much good; we enjoyed especially our visit with you. We could have wished it longer; but soon after our return Lovina had to go and spend a week or two with a friend in New Hampshire, and on this account it is better perhaps that we returned when we did. We shall expect some of you here this Fall. Hope you will arrange so as to make us a good long visit. It is a good time of the year for excursions. We [illegible] not [illegible] it [illegible] much. Want you to [illegible] us as soon as you can. Much love to all.

Yours Truly, J. J. Butler.

[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] 187[illegible].

[illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

thought you ought [illegible] [illegible]

one of the neglected ones. [illegible]

and her mother have both [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

and Mr. B. [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

recovered much sooner. She [illegible]

quite [illegible] [illegible] now. [illegible]

weeks ago Mr. B. was taken with

fever and a bad cough. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], eggs, cream, &c.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
a week. We order out frequently.
Mon. A.M. April 1. I was not able to finish this the other day, and have kept it quite too long. I have not heard from home for some time, but they are owing us letters and I am hoping for a letter soon. It is a long time since I have heard from you. How are you getting along in your business. Are you giving those lectures, and do you have much practice that pays you, so that you get along comfortably. I should like so much to see you. You must try and visit us this Summer if you can. We should all enjoy it, and it would be a good change for you.

There have been a number of deaths among our neighbors and acquaintances this Spring. Some that you knew, I think. March has been a hard month for those who are not very strong. Hope father and mother are getting along well. Wish they were strong enough to visit us this summer. Lizzie thinks of going to Holyoke, next year. What do you think of it? She wishes to spend a year somewhere in school, She is taking music lessons this year and is doing quite well I think. Hope you will write soon. We are always glad to hear from you. Do you think Cynthia's health is improving? I must close now. We all send much love and all the good wishes. Hoping to hear from you soon, Yours as ever

E. E. B.

[illegible], Sept. 11, '72. 3

Dear Brother [illegible],

I am not forgetting my pleasant journey with you in New York. I was glad to see your office though I had so little time. You must have had a hard struggle to get up so well as you have, and I hope the Lord will give you success and comfort in the path which you have chosen.

You will be glad to know that we reached here safely, and are now considerably settled in our new home. We find things here better and more pleasant than we expected. If we have health we shall like, I know.

How sad it is that mother has broken her arm again. I am so sorry for her and for all the rest. It must be hard to see her suffer so much. We had a very pleasant visit with them all, I was sorry I could not go and see Eddie at [illegible] as I had fully hoped to. I was very glad he could come and see us. I think he looks rather tired and worn. We had a very pleasant visit at Sarah's but all too short. We all wished you could be there too. You must not work too hard - If [illegible]. Hope you will be able to come out and see us before long. You would find this a pleasant place to rest. Bertie is [illegible], and the rest are all abed, and I ought to be. So good night. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible],

I can hardly say wh[illegible] I owe you a lette[r], but I fear I do. At any rate I want very much to hear from you and all about how you are getting along. We received your catalogues a little time since and noticed your name. There is a lady living here who was acquainted with you at Whitestown Seminary, Mrs. Preston. Her name was, I think, [illegible] Gordine. Perhaps I do not spell it right. She says she was in the same classes, and used to study with you. She seems very much interested in hearing from you. I think you [illegible] one of the catalogues. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] friends here if we were very [illegible]

[illegible] Boss I hope I shall hear from you soon. My paper and time admonish me to close [illegible] [illegible]. With much love and many good wishes, yours [illegible] L. E. [illegible]

We continue to like here very much. We are getting acquainted and like the people.

So far our health has been good, and we see no reason why the climate should not agree with us.

[illegible] I have thought many times of the pleasant visit I had with you in your parish. How I enjoyed that trip except going up to the [illegible] church, I have not [illegible] again. I am glad you are getting along so well in your connection with the college. Please mention again in your next letter how much they have advanced your salary. I cannot but think it [illegible]. You have worked hard enough [illegible] they will make it worth while [illegible] for you now. I hope you will be careful of your own health since you are trying to keep [illegible].

[illegible] from home, [illegible]
[illegible] the farm [illegible]

[illegible]

When [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] western home. [illegible] of coming out and making [illegible]. I think [illegible].

7. [illegible] morning. I have a little [illegible]

[illegible] letter [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] time that you [illegible]
to [illegible] kind letter, since
which time I [illegible] written. I am
[illegible] now, [illegible]
[illegible] there [illegible]
[illegible] ought to answer. I [illegible]
[illegible] pen, and I [illegible]
put my mind [illegible]
written, I wonder what you
are doing just this time. Perhaps
hearing your class recitation to them.
or it may be attending to a sick
patient. Hope it is not sick yourself.
We find everything for the [illegible]
[illegible] much cheaper here, [illegible]
[illegible] the East, but
[illegible] and furniture [illegible]
higher. We are some hoping that
Lizzie and her husband will come
out here soon, and he go into the farming
business here, as there is a good opening
for him. If we could have some

HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Hillsdale, Mich., [illegible] *187*[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

I have been waiting for a long time to hear from you. I think you have not answered my last letter but I know you are very busy. too busy I fear for your health. Hope you are not in such a whirl all the time as when we were there. How we did enjoy all that journey and all those visits. I am expecting some of you to come and visit us next summer. Hope you will be one. How glad we should be to see you. and it would do you good. We are having a very mild

very pleasant winter here so far.
We have no snow, and for a few
days past it has been bright and
pleasant, almost like Indian summer
except it being colder.

Lizzie and her husband
are coming out here to live. I suppose
they are on the way now. We hope
to see them here tomorrow. It will
be very pleasant for us to have
them so near us. Hope we shall
all be well — that is the main
thing. Frank has a good chance
to go into a printing office here.
They will take a house here
and go to housekeeping as soon
as their things come.

How sorry I am for John!
How hard and sad for him to lose
Robbie so suddenly and away
from home. He and Frank
must be very lonely. I am

sorry they are so far from [illegible] us. I wrote to Johns last week, and once before since we have been here. Hope to hear from him soon.

We continue to like here, and I have no doubt we shall like more as we get used to it, if we are well. John sent you a catalogue of the college in which you notice his name as tutor. He has five classes this term mostly Latin and Greek. He likes the work well and seems to be doing well in his classes. We feel much pleased that he is doing so well. Walter is in school, and is kept, I think, quite too busy. Mr. Butler's health is quite good, and he seems to enjoy his work in the school. I keep pretty [illegible] in the house as usual. I do not know whether the [illegible]

[illegible] to agree with me or not.
For several weeks past I have had
a [illegible] numbness in my limbs, my
thighs especially and my feet. Often I can
hardly tell whether I have my slippers on or
not - there is such a tightness and stiffness
in my hands too there is a curious tingling when
I do up my hair or button my clothes
behind. Isn't it queer? Do you think
I need feel concerned about it?
my general health is good. my
appetite good, and I sleep well
and do my work as usual. still
it seems so strange. I wish I knew
whether I need feel troubled about it
Perhaps I got too tired moving, and I
think the walk up Trinity spire hurt me.
I consulted a Physician, ~~he~~ gave me
some pills containing he said nux vomica,
bark, and some other things. but I hate
to take them, and have been hoping to
get better [illegible] he thought [illegible]
the effect of change of climate [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] of the air. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Princeton, N.J. [illegible]

Will you excuse me, dear [illegible], for keeping this so long. I wish I knew how you are getting along this winter. We are having a little snow here now and it is a little colder. 9 above zero this morning. The lowest we have had. I gave Mrs. Paxton, your old friend at school, one of your catalogues, and she is much pleased to receive it. Mr. [illegible], a son in law of Mr. Elliott of Bloomfield, New Jersey, has lately moved here from there. He spoke of your lecturing at Bloomfield. He thinks your lectures would be useful to the young ladies here in the college. So when you make us that visit you had better bring them with you. You will find use for them if you have time for it. I think we have quite a [illegible],

of [illegible] here.

Lizzie and Frank are keeping house about a mile from us. He is in good business, has plenty of work, is partner in job office and publishing a paper. I will send you a copy. Lizzie enjoys housekeeping, and we enjoy having them here. Mr. Butler and I were down to take tea with them a few days ago. Yesterday Hattie visited them. Lizzie will make a good little housekeeper if she has health. At any rate she is making a good beginning.

Now, my dear, you must write as soon as you can, and I will not neglect it. Pardon me for sending such an old letter, but I thought it must be short if I wrote all new. Lal, if so wish to be kindly remembered. With kind love and good wishes, hoping to hear from you soon. Your affectionate sister

Elizabeth.

[illegible] you [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] having [illegible]
[illegible]. If [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] your
address. [illegible] love
C.G.B. [illegible]

Dear [illegible],

Hattie and I have written
[illegible] three times, and I think
you have not received the letters. I have
been wishing to hear from you
[illegible] here.
[illegible],
hope you will have health and
strength [illegible]. Wish I could
just [illegible] you. We
are all well [illegible]. My general
health is good, but I have a sinking
weakness, a numbness and stiffness
in my legs and feet [illegible]
[illegible]. They seem to be
weak and [illegible]. Do you
think I need [illegible]
[illegible] and should I do much for it,

HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Hillsdale, Mich., [illegible] 3, 1874

Dear Sister Amy,

Your good letter of June 24
was received and welcome as usual.
You do not need to apologize for
neglect in writing when you were
so very, very busy. Your excuse is
more than sufficient. I wish so much
I could see you in your cosy little
home. Not little though, I hope you will
not find that it causes you too much
care and anxiety. I think that is
one of the most beautiful streets.
and you could not choose a prettier
place, but I should be frightened

at such a seat. It must be pleasant too to be so near to your friend, Mrs. Ballou. The scenery [illegible] of your [illegible] must be very pleasant.

You ask about the [illegible] of the college. Where it was that it was burnt. I have drawn a line on the picture showing it. They began their foundation, and are now rebuilding. They thought [illegible] to have a group of buildings instead of one large one as before. I do think that was so better. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I thank you [illegible] for the [illegible]. I [illegible] you [illegible]. The last [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] a letter [illegible]. I think [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. I am in hopes I am gaining [illegible]

it, though pretty slowly. My general health

continues good. The [illegible] will [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] week, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

to [illegible]

[illegible] and I have been

hoping that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have had

a good [illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] but

[illegible] think

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. If you can [illegible] come and [illegible]

[illegible]. I think [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hoping to [illegible]

[illegible] C. C. F.

Hillsdale, Sep. 6. 1875

Sep. 7.

I am alone this evening. Mr. B. and John are in faculty meeting and the other is in society, so I think I will write to Kansas. I have not heard from John for some time. I am owing him a letter. Will ... love to yourself and [illegible] and hope [illegible] to hear [illegible]

Dear Sister Mary

I have thought so much of you of late and longed so much to hear from you. I am [illegible] tho I have been so long without [illegible] to you. Do you know that I [illegible] write letters more than I need to. I suppose I am growing old. Is it that strange? We have had a very pleasant summer, not very warm, and have all been well which is such a great blessing. Mr. B. says he feels as well and strong as he did ten years ago. I hope you will some time be able to come out and see us here. We mean to see you next summer if we can, but that seems so long to anticipate.

We have just passed our summer vacation
and term has commenced with a
larger number of students which
gives plenty of work to the teachers.
Every student must have recitations. Monday
is the recreation day here instead of
Saturday. John has his full classes in
the city on Saturdays, [illegible] to [illegible]
his work [illegible]. Arthur is in the
Senior class. He takes the scientific
not the classical course. [illegible]
[illegible] the work. Lizzie has a cosy
little home about half a mile from
us, a house with four rooms all on
the ground — just large enough
for them — The baby is ten months
old and is improving every day.
We all think a great deal of her
of course. I [illegible]

[illegible] back

[illegible]

[illegible] please them.

Cynthia must have been very
sick, and you must have been very
anxious about her. The last you
wrote she says she is better. does she
continue to improve, and will
she get well. Poor child she
must sometimes feel discouraged.
I am a good deal anxious
about your having so large a house
in that great city. You must not get
sick too. Do you teach still in the
woman's college? I can only think
of you as hurrying here and there
and I am so afraid you will get
sick. You must remember - going a
little too fast is the danger. If
you could take it easier, you
would last longer.

There are medical springs
about 50 or 60 miles from here
that are much frequented by

At Eton Rapids. I have been
thinking some of trying them
though my general health
is so good that I do not need
it for that. I understand there
are three ladies living there that
used to be students at Clinton.
The Harvey girls we used to
call them. I sometimes see
persons here that used to know
you. Dr. Tallet and his wife live
in Coldwater about twenty miles
from here. We were there about
two weeks ago and Mrs. Tallet
inquired about you, and was
very glad to hear ~~that~~ you had studied
and were practicing medicine.
She thinks there ought to be more
lady practitioners. Cynthia McKoon
that was, now Mrs. Starr, do you
remember her at Whitestown!
She inquired also about you. I must
go now and get tea. I wish I could
invite you to sit down with us.

[illegible], Jan. 17. 1876.

Dear Sister Mary,

I think you are the one that must have the first use of the new date 1876. Certainly it is long enough since I have written that I ought to remember you now. My thoughts and my heart were with you often but my pen [illegible] often is remiss. How many times we have thought and spoken of that pleasant visit with you in New York.

I fear you have a pretty hard rough time there, but you have wonderful courage, which is half the battle. I am often afraid you will not be careful enough of your own health in caring too much for others.

We have had and are having
a remarkable winter. so mild
and pleasant. no snow. The
Ther. never got down to zero.
but we shall have it colder yet.
We have all had usual health
so far. Our school year is
about half out now. At the close
Mattie will graduate, I suppose
this makes her very busy this
year. Lizzie's baby grows and
improves, but does not walk
yet. though the 24th she will be 15
months old. Lizzie is well but does not
get her strength up well. It was a hard
draw upon her little body. I want very much
to hear from you. so please send postal
if you haven't time for letter.
There is quite a revival interest
in our church and school now
and in the other churches also.
They write from home

that Cynthia's health is so much
better. How thankful we
should all be if she could be
well again.

But it is getting late and
I must close now.

How glad I should be to see
you, and to welcome you
to our pleasant home.
I think you would like
our little city. and a little
rest would do you good.

Good night now sister dear
much love and no end
of good wishes. Your sister
as ever.

E. E. B.

Hillsdale June. 26. 1876.

My Dear Sister Mary,

I have been waiting for some time to write ~~to~~ you until now we have about decided about our journey — we hope to leave here about the 10th of July, go to Washington, Philadelphia, and then New York. Shall be in Phil about the 15th or 17th If you can meet us there, inquire at the Michigan building. ~~At~~ It would be so pleasant to have you there with us. But if you can not meet us there, hope you can go with us to Remsen and visit with us there. How pleasant that would be. I can not realize that I shall see you all so

soon. Hope the journey may do me good. Have been in doubt whether to try that or go to a watering place not far from here. On all accounts I have chosen the journey and the visit. I shall enjoy that at least. I have just written home but forgot entirely to mention one item about Johnny. He has been elected adjunct Prof. of Latin in Hillsdale College. We are all pleased of course. He succeeds well in teaching. But I must say good bye now hoping before long to see you and have a good visit. With abundant love and good wishes

Your sister as ever

E. E. B.

Hillsdale, Feb. 19

Dear Sister Mary,

I suppose you are glad to be at your work again. It must have been hard to leave your business so long, and yet you were glad to be with mother, and it was a great comfort to her and helps too. I think she has got along wonderfully so far. Hope there will be no accident to retard the cure.

What do you think of me - I am trying a new doctor, one of the Botanic school. He is one of our neighbors, and member of our church. My attention was directed to him by a friend who was helped by him. He thinks my trouble is in my liver. it is torpid. and causes the coldness as well as lameness and the constipation. He gives me a syrup to be taken 4 times a day - and a liniment to be used

I suppose the medicine can be used by me.

of the East. they have practiced here some time but partly allopath. one of them told me a short time since that his faith did not allow him to medicate so explicitly as ... do the East. the doctors not see how it can ... I am ... effect. Please write soon with love to every one

mended here lately. though I do not think they are such as you have

Send the a little money of China, as syrup is something she ought to

Elizabeth Miss 1870's

in bathing the parts. also bathe the feet every other night in warm water with mustard. I had been designing to try ~~xxx~~ your system, but you are so far away, and I was getting discouraged as there was no prospect held out to me but an increasing lameness and coldness. This is an old experienced physician. and he seems to understand it. so I thought perhaps I had better try it. I think it will do no harm. at least. I will keep you posted on the effects of the treatment. I think Hattie is getting better. The little doses that Sarah gave her, were a great help to her.

I think if she could study awhile with you so that she could doctor herself. it would be a great help to her. Perhaps we may sometime be nearer eachother. so that some such thing may be done Hope you will get along while there. There is a new homoeopathic firm com-

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] and should have done [illegible]

been very busy. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

be able to write [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

home and have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] there was a [illegible]

[illegible] about [illegible]

Robert came from there [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so long [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] now. We are all in usual health
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gone to town meeting to day and [illegible]
are alone. It is a cold windy day. Yesterday [illegible]
the coldest day we have had this winter. In the
morning the thermometer stood 21 below zero.

Is your health still improving? Do you still continue
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] hope you will be able [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] your health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
feel anxious about you.

Our children [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Have you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?
[illegible] some of you will be out to see us next
[illegible]. Suppose I shall have [illegible] [illegible] you a visit
[illegible] [illegible] the children are a little older. Please write
[illegible] [illegible] with much love,

Your sister as ever Elizabeth

[illegible], 1850

[illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] this attack, but you must be patient and careful [illegible] be discouraged if you are sometimes worse as well as sometimes better.

[illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] " I [illegible] you [illegible] enjoy many years of comfortable health and happiness.

Steuben. Wed. Morn.

Brother Robert,

Jane told mother before she came home that she was going to board at a hotel but we ^think^ that would be unsuitable. Cannot you look around a little some evening and find her a boarding place. Is there not some good family belonging to Mr. Griffiths church that would board her, or any place

where you think it would be
pleasant for her. If you could
find her a good place, I know
she would be grateful to you
for the trouble and you would
also greatly oblige your

Sister Elizabeth

Jane says she has tried to
get a place with some of
the teachers but failed.
She would not be particular
whether it was with some
of them or alone.

1850's

East Andover, Sun afternoon

Dear beloved [illegible],

It has not seem possible that [illegible] to [illegible] here we reached [illegible] of [illegible] Saturday. [illegible] o'clock [illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Bolton [illegible] but with no accident or detention, and lost nothing. The children were remarkably good. [illegible] they did better [illegible] [illegible] as we did [illegible] they slept so much on the way. Mr. Bolton [illegible] gone on to New Hampshire. We have a pleasant home here. I feel very anxious to hear from [illegible]. [illegible] child [illegible] will have a hard summer. If I was certain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]eston April 28. 1851.

Dear [illegible] & Sister;

We are thinking of visiting you this week if we can. If any of you are coming down the first of the month perhaps we could ride up with you if you would call this way — otherwise we can go on the stage [illegible] [illegible] Frid. afternoon. If you are coming down please write — also whether you would like as well for us to come up the last of this week or the next. We are anxious to see you all especially Sarah whom we have not seen for so long a time. We are all well. Father and brother [illegible] are going to New England in two or three weeks. I suppose Henry was home with you Sat. & Sab. We have not seen him since he returned. As we shall see you so soon I will write no more. With love to all affectionately

Your Daughter E. [illegible]

Whitesboro June 17. 1852.

Dear Mother,

I am sorry I have not answered your kind letters before this. My time is almost entirely engrossed by my babies. This is my only apology now for all sorts of misdeeds. We want much to see you all. I hope we shall be able to come up there now before long. Vacation commences in about three weeks. We have not heard from Sarah or the girls now for some time. Saw Robert last Saturday. I was down to get me a new bonnet and called there. He was very busy taking a picture so that I could hardly see him. Saw Henry Sabbath at meeting. Johnny goes with us to meeting now. He behaves very well. A week last Saturday and Sunday we left Johnny at home with Grandma and Mr. Butler, baby and I went to Quarterly Meeting to Newville - about six miles from Little Falls. Had a very pleasant time. The next session is to be here at Whitestown. I cannot tell exactly what time we shall be up, probably about the first of vacation if it would be as well for you - fear we shall ~~be most~~ ~~too~~ troublesome with two babies. We shall hear from you I hope before. With love to all I am your affectionate daughter E. E. Butler

[illegible] 5.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a letter from [illegible] day before yesterday. Shall reply to it soon. She seems to be getting along well. Hope she will make us a visit this summer.

We are getting along well. I have had some [illegible] and am gaining strength every day. Our little granddaughter is growing finely. Very healthy and pleasant. Indeed [illegible] the [illegible] most of the time. [illegible] [illegible] by day. [illegible] the children are [illegible] health this Spring. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible],

Thank you for [illegible]
letter [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] many things [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] them [illegible]
in [illegible] the [illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible] in their [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] there [illegible]
and [illegible]
and [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] working [illegible]
[illegible] took [illegible]
[illegible] though [illegible]
[illegible] it. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] other
[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] . [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] .

[illegible]

[illegible] thought of the [illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] . [illegible] enjoyed it [illegible]

[illegible] it .

[illegible] to hear [illegible]

[illegible] health is poor [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to Father and Mother [illegible] visit

[illegible] this Summer or Fall . [illegible] +

[illegible] both good . [illegible]

[illegible] enjoy it so much .

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] + [illegible] Please give [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] letter . [illegible] will

[illegible] it [illegible] at the [illegible]

[illegible] with the [illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible] sister Elizabeth [illegible] B[illegible] .

[illegible] 1856

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] again

from Robert. [illegible] that

he continues [illegible] must

be [illegible] better [illegible] the Regiment

[illegible]

him [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] them [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] much [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] last [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] all,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] affliction.

[illegible] things [illegible]

[illegible] arrangement [illegible]

[illegible]

matter how his general health is, and his strength. We [illegible] [illegible] him in prayer [illegible] times, in silence, and the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] and I know you do for me. It is indeed a privilege to cast all our cares upon Him who careth for us. I am glad you have taken [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his health [illegible] better than [illegible] [illegible]. Let us hope and pray that the means used may be blessed, [illegible] [illegible] him to health [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] you heard any thing more [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] of the present struggle will soon be [illegible]. We shall [illegible] [illegible] for the news [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] love [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

E[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] by [illegible] been [illegible] living [illegible]
made [illegible] people.
[illegible]
[illegible] young world.
[illegible] question and [illegible] really
answered above.

I am greatly [illegible] to know
that Addie has chosen the good
part. May he [illegible] faithful and
[illegible] enjoy the [illegible] and
may continue in your midst and may
be brought to increase the Church.

I am glad to know that [illegible]
[illegible] well in her [illegible]. I feel [illegible]
you [illegible] your
health [illegible]
[illegible]. I want the [illegible] will
soon be there [illegible]
which you will come [illegible]
[illegible] in the
spring [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the continuance [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] August 1857

[illegible] Mother

We have thought much [illegible] of you since you left. There has been [illegible] anxiety about mother's health [illegible] about [illegible] you have had a good journey [illegible] both well. Hope mother [illegible] that [illegible] has been [illegible]. It has been a great satisfaction [illegible], though we were much [illegible] that it must be so short.

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] would have you but [illegible] the [illegible] mother [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

Thomas [illegible] home [illegible] Mrs
Bachelor's little ones [illegible] of them [illegible] we
here to see our children this afternoon.

Saturday we received a letter to our great [illegible]
[illegible] containing [illegible] of John's letters
and Friday [illegible] just received
Jennie's letter written last Sunday
[illegible] have had no letter from John
[illegible] I should feel [illegible]
anxious to hear of mother [illegible]
[illegible] I hope she will have
a change [illegible] soon after her
[illegible] You ought to have
[illegible] three weeks
at least [illegible] and you [illegible]
[illegible] much at all. You [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] beyond your [illegible]
[illegible] have been [illegible]
[illegible] better [illegible]
you [illegible] and [illegible]
The children [illegible]
[illegible] sister
Elizabeth

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

Have thought a good [deal] of you lately and have been meaning to write to you.

We are all well and happy. My health is better than usual this Fall. Our journey in the Summer did us all good. Hope we shall be able to visit you next Summer. Have you had your great meetings yet this Fall. They are usually in September are they not? It seems a good while since we have heard from any of you. Perhaps you have all been busy in the meetings.

he wrote to John last week.
It is a great while since we
have heard from him. Hope
he will write soon. What do
you hear from them?
We have been having a fine
rain. almost all last week.
It was very much needed. We
were out of water and most
of our neighbors, but it has
commenced running again.
Old [illegible] well did not fail.
and it is excellent water.
So we did not have to go far.
I often think of Father how he
liked our soft water, and wish
he could have some & I often
wish you could both come
and visit us again. Only
I should want you to stay
longer than before.

The F. W. B. Gen. Conference is to be held in Lowell, Mass. next week. Mr. Butler thinks of going. He will be gone about a week. Maybe you remember you were with us six years ago, while he was attending the Con. at Fairport, N.Y.? Lizzie was then a baby, now she is a great girl. She will be eight years old day after tomorrow and Johnny ten next Saturday. I cannot realize that they are growing up so fast. They all three go to Sabbath school now. How much we need wisdom and grace to train them aright. I pray they may all our dear ones ever be kept from the paths of the destroyer. I know you and Luther so pray for them that they may early become christians.

The children often speak of Aunt Clara and wonder when she is coming back. Is she almost well and does Mary still continue to be well and Sarah and Anna all of you. I wish you would write about all of you. Jennie, do you get any better? —

How has Father's magazine been doing for the year or two past through the hard times?

Please write how Lewis and his family are prospering and all our friends. Give my love to them, and all who inquire for us. Mary, do you remember when I made ~~that~~ stock for Mr. B. I have another to make this afternoon & I must say good Bye with love from all to all. Hope you will write soon, Elizabeth.

[illegible] 1857.

Dear Father and Mother [illegible],

We have felt anxious to hear from you again [illegible] we are to hear from you. I ought to have answered your letter before now. I have been very busy, have had company &c. We feel anxious to hear about [illegible]. How is your health and is [illegible] at home now and how are [illegible] on all. Is mother any better?

We are all well, and have had delightful weather for a week past. Does the money crisis [illegible] you particularly? Suppose you have more [illegible] than we [illegible]. We have just had a letter from [illegible] and [illegible] they were writing to you at the same time. [illegible] In haste, Elizabeth.

Please write soon

[illegible] I thought [illegible] would [illegible]
to [illegible] write a little more [illegible]
heard [illegible] from [illegible] have not [illegible] some
time. [illegible] anxious. [illegible]
election is decided [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] good courage to stand by through
it all.

[illegible] term is wearing away. School
closes in about four weeks. [illegible] is a
good religious interest. The meetings are
quite interesting.

The children are enjoying
this pleasant weather and [illegible]
are very healthy. [illegible] little [illegible]
Cynthia [illegible] answered your letter
[illegible]
tell mother [illegible]
[illegible]
a long time since [illegible] have heard
[illegible]. [illegible] write soon.

With [illegible]
write. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]beth [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] 1855

Dear [illegible],

[illegible] the first [illegible] have written this year. I meant to have written you New Year's [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. I thought [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] time [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] some on the way. [illegible] what you had before written. [illegible] were expecting to hear of Cousin [illegible]'s death, though not so soon. How one after another we are passing away! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I hope [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] spared [illegible] of the pain
of dying the struggle of dissolution.
Though many have [illegible] [illegible]
now [illegible] many of our dear ones
have passed through the swelling
waters, and are gathering safely to
their heavenly rest, it has become a
subject more familiar to my
thoughts [illegible] [illegible]
more [illegible] [illegible] to my heart
But I rejoice much in the thought
it imparts of the holy circle
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] through infinite
mercy and abounding love that I
can I can hope at last be in it [illegible]
it. I know we all of us have some
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] many
a part of the circle of life! [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. We have many attractions in that
better land - and all of us - there in-
creasing, here diminishing.
We are glad to hear that
there is an increasing religious interest
in your midst: I hope [illegible] things

of you since your meetings have commenced, and hope they may be greatly blessed. The meetings here have been quite interesting of late and some hopeful conversions.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] some [illegible]

and are looking for other. When you write please let us know what you hear from them. How [illegible] [illegible] Scott to [illegible] place. We are anxious about them. What is to become of Kansas? "When the wicked rule the people mourn". May an overruling Providence yet bring good out of seeming evil.

Does Jane write about her hearing? I feel anxious about it. She is very generous to the girls. I hardly see how mother could spare [illegible] two. How is Mary's health? [illegible] Sarah continues well.

[illegible] is getting very [illegible], and I must go and get dinner. So good bye. Please write soon. Much love to all [illegible] [illegible]. Your [illegible] [illegible]

Northampton Aug 19 18[illegible]

Dear Father & Mother,

It is some time since I have written. I do not write so often because I know you hear by Cynthia. The children were pretty pleased with their letters and will soon answer them. [illegible] Mother's letter did us all good. It sounded so much like father. I shall keep it for her till she is old enough to read it herself. The day she had it she carried it around with her till time to go to bed we could hardly get it long enough to read. Fanny and Laura were quite as much pleased with theirs. [illegible] has commenced her answer.

We are alone now, Mr & [illegible] left this morning for Quarterly Meeting. About 45 or 50 of the [illegible] [illegible] a ride in private carriages. We will return Monday. Our vacation is nearly out. School commences next Tuesday. We have had only [illegible]

weeks, and it has seemed very short. Wish
we could have visited you if it had not been
so far. It would do me a great deal of good to
see home once more. Hope I may before
very long. We have spent vacation here except
about five weeks we were at Dr. [illegible]'s, [illegible].
Cynthia's health seems good, and she appears contented.
The vacation has not seemed so long to her as I feared it
might. We are all enjoying usual health.
Wish you could come and see us again
this fall. Mother ought to take her turn now,
Father has been gone so long, and come and
spend a couple of months with us. We were
sorry you did not stay longer last year.
Hope mother's health is better. Please write
how it is, and how father is after his long
journey. Wish we could see you all.
How is Mary? You have not written particularly
if she is better than when she was here. You
[illegible] I should be to hear that she has regained
comfortable health. They are about commencing a
new building here for the seminary, to stand where
the old church stood. It will make more

[illegible] and business [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
prospect as good for next term. The school will
probably be quite large. Hope mother will write to
me any thing about Ignatius that she thinks I should
attend to. I will try and take good care of him. He
does well. The people here think much of her. I must
close. Write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Your daughter
Elizabeth

[illegible] morning, May 19 185[illegible]

Dear Jennie;

I am much obliged to you for
taking so much pains to please the children.
If you are as successful in every thing as you
were in that, your course will certainly be
a success. We were all sorry you could not come
and see us. It seemed too bad when you were
almost half way. Hope you have been able to make
an arrangement to rest awhile. You must need it.
Why has Miss Wood left Chelsea. Please mention
when you write. We hear nothing from there at all.
Hope you will be able to go there. I shall want to
visit you. I can write no more now. Yours truly-
[illegible]

[illegible] afternoon, I have kept [illegible] to have the children write, and now I have forgotten. Hattie guess she must write some other time. We are having delightful weather now. Have had very little very warm wether this summer. Please write soon, we want to hear from you all. Johnnie is waiting to carry this to the P.O. Suppose it will not go till Monday now.

Have you heard from Kansas. We have not for some time.

[illegible], Dec. 1. 1858

Dear Father & Mother & All,

It seems a good while since we have heard from you, though it is not been so very long either. But we feel anxious to know how you all are. Mother's knee, Anna's finger, Sarah, Mary, and all. I often wish there was some more speedy way of hearing, especially when some of you are not very well. We are sorry it seems best for Cynthia not to study this term. She studied too hard last term — had three studies — Algebra very hard. But she seems enjoying herself and her health improving rapidly. Probably by taking care and rest this term, she will then be able to go on without injuring her. I think it will be much better for her to regard her health before her studies if it does take her longer, than to get through with impaired health. She is not very strong, but gets on nicely when she does not undertake too much.

The rest of us are usually well. It is very cold rainy and windy — quite suitable for December.

Lizzie was much pleased with grandma's letter. I want her to answer it before long. They go to school now — have been about two weeks, and like it very much. It agrees with Johnnie so far better than we expected. Hattie gets along very well playing more better.

than I supposed she would. Mrs. Blake next house to us is sick. She has dropsy, and heart difficulty I suppose it is doubtful whether she recovers, although she has been worse before.

Do you hear from John? We have not for a long time. Please don't forget to tell us when you write, we are anxious to hear from them.

I must go now. The ladies have a missionary prayer meeting, and I must go. It is at Mrs [illegible] this afternoon.

Hope you will write soon.

With much love

Yours E. [illegible]

Biddeford, June 21. 1857

Dear Father & Mother

It seems a long time since we have heard from you, and I am not sure but it is longer since you have from us. I do not remember whether I have [illegible]tten since the last letter from home or not. We feel anxious to hear again from Cynthia. Is she still improving? I long to hear from you all. I should love to be with you now. But we are having a good visit here. The children are enjoying themselves first rate

Mr. Thomson has plenty of money and spares no pains to make our visit agreeable. We have quite a company, five of us, Br. O. Butler and his wife. His daughter was already here teaching in the High School. The three families together excepting John Edward who is in college at Brunswick. It has rained a good deal since we have been here so we have not been able to go down to the beach yet. Shall go the first fine day. distant about six miles.

I am having a good time to rest and enjoy myself. with nothing to do but read, visit, sew what I like, and go a

shopping. The children are very good and require but little care. Mr. B. is recruiting fast. We have been here over a week. Expect to return next week. Hope we shall find a letter from you when we get back.

Everybody inquires for Cynthia and wants to know if she is not coming back. ~~Mister~~ Thomson asked me yesterday if she was not coming back this summer.

The church manages to get along without Mr. B. now for two or three weeks. Anniversary comes now in about three weeks. Prof. Hitchcock of

Amherst gives the address
before the literary societies.
I shall try and hear him

I must close
now I long to see you
all. Hope nothing will
prevent our visiting you
next year.

I am sorry I have
got these blots on this
Please excuse. We
will write again when
we get home. Much
love to all.

Your daughter
Elizabeth A Potter

[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] Mother,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] glad [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] She went yesterday
but she thinks she prefers to play
with her dollies at home - [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Thomas spent last week over
to his uncle's (Butlers). He was [illegible]
rather [illegible] we thought
it might do him good - he
enjoyed himself much and [illegible]
better. The [illegible]
His health has been [illegible]
good for some time past. Our
visits in the summer [illegible]
did him more good than [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] The children
were very good when we were
gone to [illegible]. They seem to
be just as well as usual.

me are at home.

I feel [illegible] to have her home [illegible] I feel very [illegible] through the [illegible] affliction, she would have been [illegible] for her to be [illegible] and happy [illegible] from the [illegible] home [illegible] I should have written to her [illegible] I have been [illegible]. Hope she will [illegible] you [illegible]. Anna is [illegible] letter from [illegible] home. She [illegible] If she could only write home [illegible] it would [illegible] [illegible]. Friends [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We are [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] what you hear from them.
We can [illegible] Lewis [illegible]
[illegible] all our friends
[illegible] aunt Sarah, [illegible]
[illegible]

The school is going on as usual. Prof. Smith is principal. There is no special religious interest here now. The meetings are [illegible] usual.

Hope we shall [illegible] soon [illegible] again. Your letter, mother, did us a great deal of good. Please write again if you can. We all send love. Your daughter

[illegible]

Dear Father & Mother,

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at the [illegible]
[illegible] you have
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] two
[illegible] or perhaps [illegible]
[illegible]. But we [illegible]
any of us feel very well satisfied
with that arrangement, and I
suppose you would not. Next
summer, so far as we can see
now, will be a much easier time
for Mr. B. to leave than it [illegible]
this, or then it can be the year
after. We think we could all come
then, and make a good visit. We
do not like to give up the idea of
your [illegible], the children will
be much disappointed if they
cannot go. [illegible] should you

you, it would not seem best
to come out again so soon, and
things may not be so favorable
to leave again for some time.
So it seems best for me to wait.
I hope we may all be preserved
till that time, and if Providence
favors, we shall hope to come
all of us then. I feel disappointed
in not seeing you all this season
still I prefer waiting for the sake
of coming together.

I have been so anxious to attend
the missionary meeting in Boston
I think I shall still do so, should
the fare be reduced, as I suppose
it will be, Mr. B. can be absent that
length ~~th~~ of time, only three or four
days.

Johnny is gone this week to his
uncle's in Meredith. It seems

lonely without him. He is still troubled with that nervous difficulty at times, though the doctors think he will outgrow it.

The school is prospering as usual. Cynthia did I tell you ~~that~~ Ellen Sibley wished to be remembered to you. She is at home spending vacation. You remember Mr. Marvin, the gardener don't you. He is very low with consumption. will probably live but a short time.

Please write to us soon if you can. We send love to you all. We shall be anxious to hear from you. It is quite cool. The two last nights we have barely escaped a frost. With much love as ever your daughter Elizabeth Butler.

[illegible] Sept. 11, 1861.

My dear Father,

[illegible] I suppose you [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] children [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] they have [illegible] before [illegible] they

used to [illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. While we were

gone their grandma said she noticed

they were quite sober and frequently

[illegible] by themselves talking low about

something she did not know what.

After a while they told her they [illegible]

[illegible] they were [illegible]

to be christened [illegible] thought they

The poor [illegible]

people to go to meeting. Last
Sabbath, though it rained
so that she could not go with them
to the five o'clock meeting, they went
[illegible], and [illegible]
and [illegible]
and asked [illegible] pray for
them. They seem to have [illegible]
of Christian duty and a change of heart,
and we cannot but hope that God has
begun in them a good work. I don't
know that they feel that they are Christians
but they want to be.
[illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible]
a great privilege and comfort
to know that we [illegible]
had your prayers. It is my [illegible]
desire that they may [illegible]
common weight. I think [illegible]
to know [illegible] very [illegible]

New Hampton Dec 21 186[illegible]

Dear Father & Mother,

I have not written to you for a long time, and as I think I owe none of the girls a letter, I will write this to you. We are having very cold weather, now about three o'clock P. M. the Ther. stands about 8 above zero. This is the coldest we have had this winter in the day time. We have had but very little snow not any hardly until last week.

Probably you have snow. They have more in Kansas. We do not hear from John. Have you heard lately. I wrote a while ago and shall write again soon. I have thought a good deal about them lately. Are they getting along well.

Good by now write soon [illegible] Please write [illegible] [illegible] and family. Also [illegible] [illegible] Jessie's folks. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain Your Affectionate [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible]

I am sorry they are so far away
from us all, in such a new country
But if the war should close soon I
hope it will be easier for them. I
wish some of us could go out
and see them. I want to see the chil-
dren. A while ago Frank wrote
Johny a very pretty letter. How
are Lewis' family? Wish we
could hear from them. How
are you this Winter? Hope father does
not expose himself so much these
cold Winter nights as he used
to. And I hope you Mother ~~have~~
it easier than you used to. We have
always let you wait on us more
than we ought to, you were always
so willing, now it is your turn
to sit down and be waited upon
Hattie is very anxious to see Grandpa
and Grandma, she often speaks about
it. She does not go to school this

winter. He studies Geography and spelling at home. John and Lizzie go to the district school and study Arith. Gram. and Geog. Their cousin, Henry Thomson, is boarding with us and going to the Seminary.

We are all well as usual. Mr. B. is having his vacation of eight weeks. It is nearly half gone. It is too cold weather to go away, so he spends it at home. There is some religious interest in the school. Some conversions, hope there will be more. I have been very busy all this Fall and Winter Hope soon to have more time.

I want to see you all. How is Eddy? Hope he will not have to go into the war. What do you think of the war, Father? Does it seem more like closing? It has seemed

slavery. we will thank God for that.

I have been making the little girls some new dresses. I send a piece ~~of them~~.

We want to hear from you very much. It seems a long time since I have ~~heard~~ a letter from home.

Is Aunt Sarah with you now and how is she. give my love to her. Is Jennie's hearing any better? What do you think of the advertisements in the Independent on that ~~subject~~ hearing? I want to hear from you all. I believe Mary and Cynthia were not very well the last time we heard. Is Anna at home. I wish she would write. Does Sarah continue well. The last time I saw her and Anna was at the depot in Utica as we were starting in the cars. I wish they would all write to me. I will try and write oftener. Please write soon. Give my

love to all. I wish I could all see them oftener.

[illegible] may be [illegible] very [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you good.
but [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
The children are enjoying [illegible]
weather [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and the little [illegible]
helping [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Pine Meadow Monday

Dear Little Katie,

We received your letter last week, and all were very [illegible] you being so unwell and not very often you can write. he [illegible] very very mother have not been [illegible] since fall. It is a long time since I [illegible] wrote to you. Hope when the spring opens and you can go out more you will get better. If you can get up your general health, you might not be [illegible] about work, you have done your part of that, and now might take a chance to rest. Wish you and father could come on here [illegible] and stay a month. It would do you both good. [illegible] we heard [illegible] that we might [illegible] a package

We are having very pleasant [illegible] for
the season and [illegible] upon the [illegible]
is good, the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], if this weather continues. I think
we have never pleasant [illegible] this
[illegible] [illegible] the grass [illegible], the
[illegible] to have a [illegible] [illegible].

We should be very glad to see
you this summer. The children are very
anxious to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that we shall be able to
If [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
another year we [illegible] be glad [illegible]
[illegible] that. We have [illegible] a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Hope Eddie will
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] several [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
have you [illegible] become strong and healthy
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] daugh[ter]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] April 2, 1862.

Dear Father Smith

I was very glad to get a letter from you, and to learn of your [illegible]. We are [illegible] rather [illegible] [illegible] faster as Spring advances. [illegible] you [illegible] a little rest, [illegible]. We should all enjoy it very much.

I think the Commentary on the whole Bible, I spoke to you about, is Benson's. It is in the Library of our School, & is a very good work. M. Benson was a Methodist [illegible] notes on [illegible] Judges, Ruth and [illegible] is excellent — much after the manner of Barnes'. Barnes has published on Isaiah, Job, & the Psalms. They are the best commentaries on the Old Test. [illegible] of.

I hope & believe that slavery in this country must perish in this war, & that its doom cannot be long delayed. Perhaps, however we are not yet sufficiently [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

dependence on God. Evidently a great work is going forward in the ministry & may the Lord [illegible] [illegible] for His name.

We want to see you all. But fear we shall not be able to go out this year. We think some of you must come & see us. Perhaps next year we may be permitted to make you a visit. We all wish to send much love

Yours Truly

S. J. Butler

New Hampton June 21, 1864.

My Dear Mother,

I feel anxious to hear from you, and so I write. I have been very busy or I should have written before. How is your health do you recover from the effects of that fall. Since you were hurt so badly I have been anxious to visit you this Summer, but we shall not be able to, when we come we want the children to come with us - they are very anxious to - and the expense seems too great just now. How is Eddie getting on I hope he will not be drafted. And how are you all. I want

to hear from every one. I wish we could write oftener. I get so busy with my work, that I neglect writing as I ought not to. I often think of you and try to imagine what you are all doing. I should enjoy it more then ever if we could live nearer, but I have kind friends and a pleasant home, and a dear little family, and every thing to make me happy here. I wish you and father could come and see us again. But it is so far I can hardly expect it.

Have you heard from John lately. Please write how they are. How are Lewis and family? Give my love to them all.

The children all go to school. Mr. Butler's health is not very good. Vacation comes

in about three weeks. I hope he will then be better. The children are growing so you would hardly know them. John is about as tall as I am. and Lizzie is hardly a head shorter. They will be grown before I know it. They all think a great deal of Grandpa Everatts folks. and nothing delights them more than to have letters from you. We think they are good children. and hope you will pray that they may be true Christians. This is our greatest desire for them. I often think of your prayers at the family altar ~~and~~ for the absent ones, and pray that we and our dear children are blessed in answer to them. Let us pray more for each other. And may my parents long be spared thus to bless us.

John has been out to gather
Strawberries, and I must
go down to help them pick
them over. It is very dry here
we had a little rain yesterday.
How is it with you. I fear
they are having it dry in
Kansas. I fear John has not
been able to get his seed
in this Spring as he wanted
on account of sickness. Please
write about them.

I must close now
will you not write soon
I am sorry this is written
so badly. Will try and do
better next time.

Please give our love
to all.

With much love
Your Affectionate daughter
Elizabeth Button

[illegible]

[illegible]

we wish you all, "A Happy [illegible]"

I wish [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] was dark, [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

as the cars carried us out of sight.

[illegible]

[illegible] I did [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] please your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] evening circle. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] appendix [illegible] side

of the letter is [illegible] writing in

his account book. [illegible]

[illegible]

If [illegible] had dropped in a few moments

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] again.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that might

[illegible]

[illegible] for a long time

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and the tables with refreshments
looked beautiful. The children,
especially enjoyed it greatly.
Girls, I am going to send you an
invitation to attend our dancing [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] but I like the people. [illegible]
[illegible] people [illegible]
than the [illegible] so friendly.

[illegible]

He has quite [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that land in Kansas [illegible]

[illegible]

with us the first [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and have enjoyed them

[illegible] to hear from you

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] drawing, so I [illegible]

[illegible] better. Please

write soon. Give my love to

Lewis and family, also to [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

the others. Hoping to hear

from you soon, Yours [illegible]

E. E. [illegible]

When you write again, please
say if you have heard anything
from Uncle Seth and
Aunt Jane and where they
are going to live, Hope you
will keep that picture of her
for me. Good bye all.
E.

Hillsdale. Aug. 19. 1876

Dear Mother & All.

We were very glad to get a postal from Jennie today. We of course think of you all constantly. we were so sorry to leave while Cynthia was so low. and you looking so feeble too. I do hope the Lord will help and comfort you all. in this time of need.

I dreaded my journey very much. but I found the ride much easier than I expected. We rode all night and reached here, 1½ oclock Frid. ~~noon~~ after noon. John there to meet us. We put our trunk on a hack and all rode up. Found every

do please excuse the blots and poor writing. i do not write as well as I used to. I guess I must take more pains.

[illegible]

had a pair of the [illegible] sickening [illegible] of strong [illegible] I shall send them when we get them.

thing in good order.
We all got along better than we expected, and are of course glad to be at home again. When I get rested I shall be better, I know. however Hattie has been just about sick since ~~she~~ we came home, but is all right now. She and John are in the sitting room now, singing Sankey's songs. He was so glad to see us, was about tired of being all alone. I made a little bread today, and couple of pies Saturday, and find I can get along easier than before my journey. Our blackberries are not all gone. And the peaches will not be ripe till Sep. We need rain- The string beans are all gone- so Hattie and I were making up our minds to do without bean pickles, but tonight one of the neighbors sent us some

so we shall have some after all. Now if we could only know how you were getting along and how Cynthia is. I feel anxious about you, mother. Hope you will make it as easy for yourself as possible.

I cannot tell you how much we all enjoyed our visit. Hattie says she enjoyed every minute, Frank liked you all so much. especially mother. Wish we could have stayed a month longer. though it would have been hard on you.

And now it will be your turn to visit us. The journey does not seem very long. to come directly through. ~~And~~ Our ~~house~~ rooms looked small and straitened after coming from your nice large rooms. But ours are large enough for our small family. And it is good to be home again after all our wanderings

If we could be in two places
it would be there and here
and Lewiston, of course we
should want to be there too.
but of course that is all out
of the question. Though I have
sometimes thought there might
be something of the kind in
the better land.

Shall be glad when we
can hear from you again
Give our love to Lewis and
Jane and all of them, and
Edward and Mary. I shall
write to them soon. Give love
to cousin Mary Lewis. Wanted
to see her again, and uncle
Henry. But I must close
now and send this to-
morrow.

with love as ever
Elizabeth

Mon. Eve. 8 o'clock.

We were very glad to receive your letters today and very sorry to hear that sister Anna is so feeble. You all had it so hard last summer and she was not strong enough to bear it. I feared mother would fail too. I do hope Anna will be able to find something to bring up her strength. I dread the long cold winter for her and mother. I often wish you could all be here. It would be so pleasant to be nearer together. I think William would have been better perhaps if he had come a little later. He seems better since the pleasant weather and he has

I thank you indeed for those beautiful cashmere. As soon as I am able to go out some I shall have it made; it is so nice. I shall have it made pretty as I can.

Dear mother,

4th Wednesday, [illegible]

I must write to Lissie today. I have not heard from her for about two weeks.

got a little more rested and
over his bad spell. I should be
glad if he could stay here a few weeks.
We enjoy it very much having [illegible]
here. but I am very sorry she has
had to do so much. Hope I shall
be better now, and she will have
more chance to rest. Hattie is
rather and seems gaining and able
to do more. I shall be anxious till
we hear again from Anna. I am very
sorry you have to let the fire go!
It seems too bad that you cannot
have a better chance to rest.
Isn't there some one else you could
get? Guess we must take together some
and some [illegible] now [illegible]
care of [illegible]. I think I feel a
little better [illegible]
very good indeed. I think I
might have more [illegible]
[illegible] Hope to
hear from the [illegible] letter.
Must write a little to [illegible] with
love from all your daughter
Elizabeth

Hillsdale Jan. 4. 1877.

My Dear Mother and all.

We were very glad to receive your postal and pleasant New Year greetings. I am very glad you can begin to have your position changed a little. It must be very tedious, to be obliged to lie so very still so long. We often think of it and would be glad if we could help you. You will be sure to have good care. and have the best done possible and that is a great comfort. Glad to know that Anna is some better. Guess she and Jennie will have to come out and visit us next summer. The change would do them both good. and

we should all enjoy it so much.
If there is fruit you certainly must
come. We are some hoping
Lizzie and baby will come too.
We should all enjoy it so much
together. Notwithstanding I was
so lame yet the journey last summer
did me a great deal of good, I know.
We are enjoying Sarah and William
visit so much. I do not like to think
of their leaving. We are having
pretty cold weather for here, about
a foot of snow and good sleighing.
I do not go out at all this winter
it's too cold. I have been making
bread today. and have some good
I guess.

Jan. 6. Sat. I was today, to hear from
you again and so glad mother is
doing so well, and is able to sit up
a little. It will be so pleasant to see
her up again. How very cold and
snowy you must have it.

It must be so pleasant to have Bro. Edward so near and able to come and see you so often. What a fearful accident that was near Ashtabula. It will make one almost afraid to go from home at all. We had a letter from Lizzie this morning, came in the same mail with yours. She seems to be quite and in good spirits and all well except baby's cold which she has to have once in a while. I am glad we can hear from them so often. I am much interested in reading Moody and Sankey's life and about their wonderful success. Suppose they will go to Boston now soon. I should like to hear them especially Sankey sing. It seems so sad that Mr. Bliss and his wife should be victims of that terrible railroad

You must excuse my not writing more now as Thos is waiting to go down town.

Love to all and let us hear soon again.

Yours ever Elizabeth

[illegible] time to go to bed. Good night mother dear. Please [illegible] when you can write. With much love. Affectionately your daughter Elizabeth

Hillsdale, Feb. 2. 1877.

My Dear Mother.

Your kind good letters ought to be answered more promptly. We are so glad to know that you are recovering so well. It has been a great help and comfort to have Mary with you. She is such a good nurse as well as doctor. We had Fannie's good letter yesterday, and were so glad to hear that Sarah and Wm. had accomplished their journey so well, without detention or accident and with such pleasant weather. We have had delightful spring weather all the week, very little snow left. Sleighing all gone. I go out on the piazza every day and I think it does me good. We had a good letter from Mr. and Mrs. Butler today.

They are both well as usual and I think they shall visit us next summer. It will be a long journey for sister B. and I do not know whether she will have courage to come, though I hope she will.

I thank you [illegible] for that beautiful piece of cashmere, that was dear sister Cynthia's. It will always remind me of her and of you. The stockings have been quite a comfort already, as they are larger than mine, and are more comfortable on my feet as well. John had a letter yesterday from Frank from Lewiston. His letter was mostly about his business, but he said baby was well and playing around as usual, so of course her finger is well again. He seems to be doing quite well in his business. You will have to be very careful, for a long time yet of your lame leg. I do hope there will be nothing to put it back

My Dear Mother,

Your letter and Jennie's to Hattie came yesterday. I am glad you are gaining slowly and are able to step on your foot a little I suppose it will be some time before you are able to use it much but you must be very careful and not have any drawback. Wish I could run in once in a while to see you I am very glad you can have Sarah with you. Hope she will be careful of her health. She is not strong at all. I cannot report much change in myself yet. though the prospect seems more hopeful, The doctor seems to understand the case I think, as he has had others like it, which yielded to his course

My hand is tired and I must stop. Hattie will answer Jennie's letter after the important event. She will have more to tell about then. love to all please write soon again. Lovingly your daughter Elizabeth

Jan. 17.

I think his medicines are working well, and that I shall soon be gaining. My appetite is good and I sleep well. I cannot expect to get well at once. It came on so gradually I shall be likely to be slow in mending. but the doctor says when I once get well started I shall mend faster. He seems much interested in the case and I think will do as well as he can. I have been much favored in getting help as I hardly dared to hope. A friend came in and asked if I did want help. A young lady in school wished to work for her board. She has been here a week or more and we like her very much. She understands work well, cooking &c so it relieves me very much. The rule here is to work five hours a day. John and Hattie have gone to Ohio. and I suppose will bring back some one with them. next mon. night

——— [illegible] ed. Oh, that this interest may [illegible]
[illegible] and be here next term [illegible] more
[illegible] feeble [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] learned
[illegible] whom Christ died, whom [illegible]
are [illegible]
[illegible] faithful
for [illegible] shall eat of the good of the
land." [illegible] trust in God. He will sustain you in
every hour of trial.

[illegible] thought [illegible] his [illegible]
don't you think [illegible] pretty well? Oh my dearest sister
how can I sufficiently thank you for your kindness in [illegible]
me so [illegible] with my papers [illegible]
indeed. [illegible] had one [illegible], and I had the [illegible].
Altogether we [illegible] I think [illegible] thanked you my sister
for it [illegible] kept me pretty busy this term
[illegible] which I am [illegible] anxious to finish
that which I shall [illegible] hope [illegible] the
middle [illegible] third book of Virgil before the term closes. I hoped
[illegible] nearly [illegible] finished [illegible] had there not been [illegible]
[illegible] the past week. I am now reading alone.
It is getting [illegible] and [illegible] class [illegible] shall [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible] before the [illegible]
of the term, [illegible] and I will come immediately.
I wish some of you would write any way and tell how Sarah is.
I wish I could have every day to write if it is but two or
three lines — Good bye, with much love, Mary.
[illegible] with him if not [illegible] the stage.

[illegible] feel anxious to hear how you are — [illegible] of
[illegible] will [illegible] to drop a line [illegible]
shall [illegible] meet with you again soon [illegible]
[illegible] in haste your sister E. A. E.

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Miss Sarah A. Everitt
Remsen.

Whitesboro July 16. 1852.

Dear Sister Sarah:

I have but a few moments to write. I commenced a letter some time ago but could not complete it. I have been very busy ever since I received your letter with my sewing beside the care of my children. We were very glad to receive your letter. I had hardly dared to hope that you could write me. Mr. Butler often since that speaks of our "lamb and dove." You ask who the baby looks like. She is generally thought to favor our family more than Johnny. She is healthier and easier to take care of than he used to be. I had a letter from Jane a few days since. they were well and anticipated soon being home again. I suppose you hear from them frequently. I am glad to hear that your health is improving again. I trust you will yet be restored to comfortable health and strength. but it will require yet a good deal of patience and faithful perseverance in Hydropathy. We have been designing to visit you soon, but you will leave so soon now, we will defer it till you get home. I am sorry that I could not have visited you several times while you have been there. But you know how I have been

and will know how to excuse me. Day before yesterday
I saw John in Utica. He is to be married Monday (
you know. I designed to go up, but have had to give
it up on account of the children. I feel anxious to
become more acquainted with her. Excuse me
for writing so short. If you are able to write me
half as long I should like much to hear from you.
How is Miss Chandler's health? give my love to her
and Miss Rose if you see her, and any other who
may inquire for me. With much love I remain

Your Affectionate Sister

E. Butler

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible];

[illegible] again [illegible] [illegible] hear
that you are getting better, and have some
more prospect of recovery. We received a
letter from home a few days since enclosing
your last, in which you stated that you
had begun to walk a little. We surely
could not be grateful enough to the
Giver of all good [illegible] to see you again
restored to comfortable health. We are
very anxious [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] since you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that would [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] days. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
who [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

if you think [illegible] my friend [illegible]. He has indeed through all your affliction dealt graciously and mercifully with you. What cause of gratitude have you & have we all that you have had through it all the grace of God to sustain you. That you have had a hope in his [illegible], and an interest in the [illegible] of the gospel. You have the assurance that all things shall work together for good [illegible]. And whatever yet may be the results, whether restoration and health, or continued disease and prostration we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] doeth all things well.

I do not know that I have written to you before since we [illegible] [illegible]. We are [illegible] [illegible] in our new home. We like here better than we expected. The society here [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] acquainted here much easier than at [illegible]. The school is full and pleasant. The children [illegible] very healthy this summer. They frequently speak of "sick aunt" [illegible] [illegible]

Whitestown May 12, 1853.

Dear Sister Sarah:

I should have written you before but I have been very busy indeed, and I expected without fail to have visited you before this. I shall probably have to defer this visit for some time longer. We have just had the children vaccinated and I must stay at home until they are through with that. There are some cases in and about the village of the small pox. One death from that disease yesterday. There has been a good deal of sickness around here this Spring - we have all been usually well, the children uncommonly so. They go out a great deal and they seem better for it. The baby talks every thing. Johnny is at my elbow now writing. He says he writes faster than I do because he wants to get it done fast. He is not very observant of the rules of speech - I see Henry occasionally - He seems to enjoy himself well. The prayer meetings at the Seminary are quite interesting now. Some of the students are inquiring. We have fine weather now. Hope I shall be able to make you that visit before the weather becomes very warm. We want to hear from you much. Is your health improving any? How hard it must be to be sick so long. I often think of you though I seldom write - too seldom

I know. I often think it must require more grace to be passive and suffer God's will to his glory than to be actively engaged in doing his will in whatever trying or selfdenying circumstances. But he can always give needed grace. I will not write long as I hope to see you before a great while. Adieu, dear sister, may your lack of physical health and strength be more than recompensed in your spirit. Love to all,

Your Sister
Elisabeth

Miss Sarah A. Everett.

[illegible], [illegible] 185[illegible]

Dear [illegible] [illegible],

We were glad to get your letter last week [illegible] [illegible] home [illegible] before [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the first of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before you [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certain [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] you will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

so hard to have you sick again before we see you. At least you say you will have it poor health. Tho in my health is good now excellent for me. I do not know that I was ever better. Well I cannot hear much to tell.

Mrs Butler's sister and her little very clever young kid, have just been spending a week with us. Her little girl died about a month ago. She has lost two sweet little girls and has only one left now. She feels her loss very much. We had a pleasant visit. The children enjoyed it very much.

Hope you will get over being lonely and homesick. Wish I could step in and see you and Annie. Also feel very sorry for her. Hope the children will help you in the same manner the children would every young one better. But I must write to Jennie. Do write again as soon as you can. Good bye, dear mother and my dear father [illegible] Ellie [illegible]

Dear Sarah: I cannot tell you how much I want to see you, and how I have wished to come up there. I hardly know which wants the most I to see you or you to see us - me and the baby, I mean. That naughty little sentence in your letter to Mary I guess you hardly meant. Do you remember what it was? "I fear this will be but a poor inducement." ! Dear Sarah, you know you could not present a stronger inducement than that it would do you so much good if I could only find it possible to come. I would not hesitate on my own account - but as the baby has never been out at all I am almost afraid to take him so far just now. Perhaps when it becomes good sleighing if the weather should be moderate he can come and see his "infirm aunt"; I am very glad to hear that you are getting better and hope that before very long you will be able to come and see us. How we should enjoy it. By Spring if not before we shall certainly expect to see you here.

You do not know how nicely that sweet little quilt fits the baby's cradle. You could not have made any thing prettier or more acceptable. Just the colors I wanted to get if I had made one myself. And the pattern - I am sure you could not have found any thing prettier - wheels - we will fancy them wheels of

fortune and hope that their revolutions will bring nothing but happiness to the dear little innocent that now sleeps unconsciously beneath them, will we not sister? His little hands are up to his face now, one to his mouth and the other at his cheek, while he is just asleep. Wish you could see him. He would laugh at you I know. He laughs at us all, though he probably means no harm by it. His father says it is as natural for him to cry as it is for others folks to laugh. So you may fancy we have some music occasionally! Wish mother could come and visit us. He has grown so, suppose she would hardly know him. Father and Mother Southe are always inquiring how Sarah is. They would like very much to see you. Mrs. Heffron is getting better. Her husband said ~~when the~~ when they cleaned house this Fall she went all over the house to give directions and assisted some herself. Mrs. Colegrove, a friend of ours here, was ~~several~~ years ago confined a long time with spinal complaints. Indeed most of the time she would naturally have spent in school she was confined to her sick room. She is now quite recovered and by improving what she could notwithstanding her ill health, appears as well as any lady I am acquainted with. Dear Sarah I hope

you will keep up good courage. think you will
get well and be useful yet. Ma is waiting to
take this to the P. O. so I suppose must close.
The term commenced yesterday. Mrs. thinks the

prospects are very favourable. The term appears

to open very pleasantly. With much love

from us all — yourself and all the rest I am

Write soon as u can. Your Affectionate Sister Elizabeth

Miss Sarah A. Everett

Whitestown, Wed. 7th

Dear Sister Sarah,

I have not yet taken time to acknowledge the reception of those pretty little birds, you sent us. They are very pretty indeed and Hylas, (you see we call them after their parents) is a very sweet singer. He has a beautiful voice and sings a good deal. We are greatly obliged to you for them. The children think much of them and they seem to be doing well.

I am sorry we could not make
you that visit this Fall. I shall
hope to come up several times
before we move, though I fear
not until after cold weather is
passed. I think often about
Mary and her sewing and wish
I could be there to help her.

You will excuse me
I know for opening Miss Crawford's
letter. It was a sweet letter.
Hope she will continue to write
to you.

Lissy is on my lap while I am writing troubling me exceedingly or I should write longer. I want to hear how father and mother are, and How does uncle Don progress?

Love to all,

Your Sister Elizabeth

I have just found a better pen. I do not see how I wrote with that at all. If I could I would write anew. But I will write again soon and I hope better. We are all well as usual.

Lewiston, April, 26. 1878.

My Dear Sister Sarah,

If we were near enough we should be calling on you and brother William in your new home, but as we cannot do that just now, I think I will make my call this afternoon by letter. Do you know I have not the least idea where you live. You have never mentioned which way from father's, nor how far. I am anticipating a great deal of pleasure in visiting you, when I come home next, and I shall visit Eddie too then. You know I have never visited him. Hope you will not get too tired in getting regulated and wonted to your new home. Hope you will both enjoy a long and

happy life together. I should like to see you instead of sending this stupid letter. Please come and see us this spring if you can. It is not pleasant now - the walking is quite good here now, though in the country around the travelling is still very bad. If we do go west, as seems very likely, in Aug. or Sep. you will have to come pretty soon, or your visit will take you in the other direction. I often think how much I enjoyed the visit you made us in New Hampton. Wonder if we shall ever enjoy another so well. We are all quite well. Jennie is through her school, and we are trying to fix up a little for spring. We like our new sewing machine very much and find it very useful. I do not use it yet but the girls both sew on it. so I have not tried to learn yet.

Yesterday I saw Mrs. Norris.
She seemed quite glad to see me, and inquired particularly about you and the other girls. She was pleased to hear that you were married. And wished to be remembered to you and the others. She would like to see you all. and inquired if you were not some of you coming out here this Summer. She inquired about John Eddie. Her health is good as usual.

We shall decide before long now, more definitely about leaving here, and then will write you more. Please give our love to all our friends. Hope you will write soon.

With kind regards
to yourself and your husband,
I remain yours as ever E. E. B.

[illegible], [illegible] 18[illegible],

[illegible],

I am [illegible] delighted [illegible] you [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible]

I wonder when you and [illegible] are coming to make us that visit. We should be so glad to see you. And perhaps you would like [illegible] that you would come and [illegible]. We should like that so much. I often think of your [illegible] pleasant visit there. I should like to make you such a visit, this season, but we shall [illegible] you come and see us. We are [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] beautiful day, and [illegible]
[illegible] glory. I think it will
be very pleasant here. [illegible]
when [illegible] much good.
[illegible]
[illegible]

We find it very pleasant [illegible]
to have [illegible] brother [illegible]
near us. [illegible]
[illegible] a copy of his paper [illegible]
printing in his office. Lizzie makes
a nice little house keeper, and seems
to enjoy it. It seems [illegible]
we have not heard from any of
you for so long. Please mention
whether father has any more trouble
with that minister. I have not
heard anything about it since we
were there. Now I must close
and go and get dinner. Give our love
to brother William and all our friends.
With a large share for yourself from your
sister Elizabeth.

I write a few lines
with Hattie in reply to your last [illegible]
letter. I see you in your pleasant, quiet
little home, with that beautiful green
field in front. How I should like to visit you
again this summer, but that cannot be.
So you must come and see us. It is
looking very pleasant and beautiful
here now. We have just been having
a nice rain, after being very warm
and dry, and now the trees are
putting out their leaves and
blossoms, and every thing looks
so pretty. I never saw the peach
in blossom before. It is deep pink
and is very pretty. The [illegible] is

... fine so there will be a good deal of fruit. We have plenty of Pie Plant and are using it for sauce and pies. I suppose it is not quite so early with you. I received a letter from Jennie a few days since, and shall answer it soon. Please give our love to all our family. I want so much to see them all. I hope all are well. We are all well and busy as usual. We are just commencing making a new dress for Hattie. So we shall be quite busy on that for a while. Term will close in about ~~four~~ weeks. Then ~~a~~ vacation of ~~eleven~~ weeks. It is time for me to get tea. So I must close with love to you both, and hoping you will write soon again. Your sister

E. E. B.

[illegible cross-written lines]

[illegible], April 21. 1875.

Dear Sister Sarah,

Hattie says she owes you a letter but is too busy to write now so I am going to write a few lines. We are hoping to see you and William before long, [illegible] much. We are not expecting to go away this summer, so we shall be at home to see our friends. The spring is much more backward than last year. [illegible] but the air is cold and [illegible] not comfortable. You must have had a hard time with so much snow and cold.

[illegible] be done when [illegible] the office –

[illegible marginal writing]

[illegible] brother have a
job office here near the college.
[illegible] keeps a cow on same [illegible]
as yours so they are quite set up.
Sunday Addie churned for the first and
the morning she sent me a
little buttermilk and a piece
of butter. She is now getting
over her break. It is quite good
though she says she means to
have it better. The baby
will be six months old day
after tomorrow. She is healthy
and grows well. We all think
a great deal of the baby of
course. Ask Zeptha if she remembers
Daniel Fisk at New Hampton
he lived opposite us and used to
play with our children, he was
one of the Professors in college here

Hillsdale, Feb 9. 187

Dear Sister Sarah,

We are getting a little used to it now, but losing you both so suddenly has made it seem quite lonely. But I wish you could see what pleasant weather we have had every day since you have been gone. The ground is bare except in spots. no snow or rain since you left. This morning it is bright ~~sunny~~ and warm like. Dont you and William feel bad! I have been out to the gate alone a few days ago. I think I walk about the same. Hattie and I get along bravely with the work. Mrs. Miller comes in every day to rub me, make my bed, sweep a little, and anything we may need.

hope you and William are both rested
and feeling stronger and better.
We are going to make pies today
and have soup for dinner. and
we shall bake beans tomorrow for
dinner. I have got a soft piece of new
flannel on today instead of the fur
hope I shall find it warm enough.
and think I shall. it seems more
agreeable, and is easier to put
on. Wish I could see you all
Give my love to mother, and tell
her I think she is getting well before
me yet. Tell mother ~~and~~ if Mary
is not there, she may read the letters
to her and then send them on to
~~her~~. But Mr. B is waiting to take
it to the office so I must close.
Hope you will both write
as soon as you can. with
love to you both and to all
our friends. Yours lovingly
Lizzie

Whitesboro June 26, 185[illegible]

Dear Sisters,

I am very busy and have but a few moments to write. I saw cousin Elizabeth last week. She says she will come immediately after the close of school, which will be week after next. She will come probably Tuesday or Wednesday. If one or both of you could come at that time I should be very much obliged. Elizabeth seemed to like the idea of being here at the same time with you and I think we shall have a pleasant time. I finished the shirts I was making yesterday - have made three and marked a pair of slippers in about two weeks and a half. We are all well - Mr. B[illegible] expects to go about next Tuesday. After you have been here I shall try to go back with you for a week. With much love to all I must close

Your Sister Elizab[eth]

To Jane & Mary -

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Cousins Sarah and Cynthia

I intended to have written before, but my time is so much occupied with other matters, that it slipped my mind, Aunt has no girl but me, now, cousin Mary Ann started for the Glen last Tuesday cousin Henry, (Cynthia knows who he is) has bought Dr. Jackson out, and he wrote for Mary Ann to go and take charge of the chamber department. I think she will like the situation very much, and she is

just suited for that business, for when they were in the United States Hotel, she had charge of the chamber work; it will be very pleasant for Ollie, to have Mary Ann with her.

We had a letter from California yesterday, John Henry sent it to Clarke, he says they are all in good health; Uncle is in the mines. it seems too bad, that a man of his age has to work so hard; he says the first two years they were there, they did very well. then Uncle went into partnership with a man, and lost everything; Anna is teaching school and gets $100. a month. Thomas is a clerking it; and John Henry is in the wood trade. Poor Uncle John, I feel so sorry for him, he seems to be so unfortunate in everything he

undertakes; I should infer by what he writes that Anna was agoing to be married.

Have you heard from Sarah and John since they have settled in their new home? I was very much disappointed in not seeing them here I thought they would certainly call, and stay over night; if nothing more.

Girls I want you to get real smart, by the time I come home, so you can run around with me, Sarah, I would like to run a race with you when I return, prepare yourself for it. Oh! we are having such delightful weather, the grass begins to look quite green, and wild flowers will soon be in bloom I shall be almost afraid to go out and pick them, for they have

such horrible. Large snakes on these prairies, the rattle snake is very common but they say they will not trouble you, if you will leave them alone.

I am enjoying very good health at present with the exception of a very sore mouth. I had a swelling come in the roof of my mouth caused I thought by an ulcerated tooth so I went and had the tooth out, and I have had a cankered sore mouth ever since. I do not know what to do for it, it troubles me very much about eating. Now girls do try and write me write a few lines if nothing more just to let me know how you are, whether you are improving any, and how you are enjoying yourself. From your off cousin

Elizabeth

New Hampton, April 8, 1856

Dear Friends,

I enclose an order on Mr Foster of Utica for a small sum for the benefit of Br John. Mr F. is owing me a balance of principal and interest on money lent him since the time we left Whitesboro and I thought it would be more convenient to give you an order on him than to send the money by mail. He will doubtless meet the order on its presentation.

We are glad to hear that Br John's prospects are brightening. He and family must have had a hard time of it the year past, but we trust they have seen the worst, and will now have better health. Having staid so long we think they do well to try to make a permanent residence there especially now, as every good free state man there is needed to help decide the destiny of that country.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Robert's health continues so poor. Would he not be better off in the country on a farm? We hope however he will soon recover.

We sympathize with you in your repeated afflictions. They must have been severe; but you have a refuge and help in every time of trouble. In all our trials there is the consolation that infinite wisdom & love are still around us, and all things shall work for good to those who love God. He only is our trust. Truly there is nothing earthly upon which we can depend.

There is nothing particularly new with us. The school is large and pleasant. Some 12 or 15 have recently indulged hope in the Savior among us, and as many more are anxious. We feel grateful for continued health, and numerous temporal & spiritual blessings bestowed on us.

We wish to be kindly remembered to you all.

Truly Yours,

Rev. R. Everett. J. J. Butler.

[illegible], Ap. 2[illegible], 18[illegible]

Dear friends at home,

We were very glad to see those letters from John. They must have had a hard time since they have been in Kansas. The loss of their little [illegible], their long continued sickness, and then the extreme severity of the winter must have made the past a gloomy year to them. But I hope the opening Spring will bring to them returning health and brighter days. If they have health they can get along. We shall be anxious to hear again about their health and prospects. Please let us know when you hear from them.

We feel bad about Robert. I wish I had more faith in the water cure. I fear they will not benefit him greatly and permanently at Graeffenburg. Mary too, I am sorry she is no better. It is hard to be unable to do any thing

so long - I hope some of you will write
again soon to let us know that you have
received them - and to tell us again about Robert and
Lizzie - we received father's letter from [illegible]
Johnny wishes me to say that he brings in the
wood and drives the sheep they commenced the
1st of March and get a penny a day -

Elizabeth Button

[illegible] July 25, [illegible]

Dear Parents and [illegible],

I owe you all so many letters that I hardly know which to write to first so I will write to all. I have been meaning to answer each of your kind letters, and will as soon as I can. I am alone this vacation, that is in the house work department and though I get along nicely, yet it keeps me pretty busy. I thought it would be pleasant to have only our own family and I get along quite as well as I expected, and we are quite enjoying the vacation. There is quite a difference in our little village in vacation and term time. Without the school it is very still, gives the teachers a good opportunity to rest.

We are having some pretty warm weather just now. Have had quite a [illegible]

Summer as you. Spent the day yesterday at Meredith Centre, six miles distant, at Brother D. Butler's, went in the morning and returned at night. Had a very pleasant time the children enjoyed it much. Shall spend most of the vacation at home. Wish we could see some of you out here this summer.

Were very happy to receive a letter from John the first of this week. They were well and seemed to be getting along well. Please write your last information from them. Wish it was not so far but some of us could visit them. I want to write to you but do not know where to direct. Please tell me. We feel anxious to hear from you all again. Especially from Robert and Julia. [illegible] I do not love to think how long the distance between us, but I hope to be able to visit you another summer. I thought I had sent you John's letter giving an account of little ~~Henry's death~~ ~~but~~ the other day I found it. I send it in this. Is the description of the house they live in yours if not please send description if you have it. With much love to all Elisabeth

[illegible]

New Hampton, [illegible] 25, 1856

Dear Friends,

It has been some time since we have heard any thing from you, and we are anxious to hear. We feel deeply in regard to the state of Robert's health. Might he not be benefitted by going to Saratoga Springs? We very much desire to hear that he is improving. We hope also to hear that Mary is better.

We were glad to receive a letter from [illegible]. He speaks of the country as a very fine one, and seems to be quite encouraged. Most of the time I should like to make a journey through the West, and especially to Kansas. It is too much to believe that that beautiful country is to be given up to slavery; yet what else can we expect, if Buchanan is elected President? There is great interest felt here in the presidential question. I have not witnessed

so much since the election of Harrison in 1840.
It is constantly increasing among the friends of Fremont. I have known ministers & leading Christians of all professions to be so decided. It is generally conceded here that Fremont will get all the New England states. If he can also carry New York & Pennsylvania, we think he must be elected.

We feel safe in confiding in him when such men as Giddings, Seward, Chase, Bailey of the Era Beecher and the like commend him as the man for the hour, perhaps raised up by Providence for this emergency.

We often speak of you all, & should be most happy to see any of you here. We are all in usual health. Write us soon. We are always grateful for your letters.

Truly Yours,
J. J. Butler.

[illegible], [illegible] 188[illegible]

Dear Uncle [illegible] Mary,

I am up quite early this morning, bright and early, so I thought I would write a few words to you. How are you getting along and how do you enjoy the pleasant Spring weather. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I wish I could go out and see you this summer or you come and see me.

I wonder if [illegible], [illegible], do you often hear from her? Suppose she will visit you this Summer. Is your health better than when you last wrote. Mary, I often think of your poor head, how much it aches. There is a lady here, Mrs. Burpee, who says she has always had the

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] painting a piece [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible], "Dr. Bland's [illegible] [illegible]", [illegible] you could [illegible] it. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] long, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] children enjoy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] building and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] have had one house [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and a new fence [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] neighbor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Please write [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the children [illegible]. [illegible] much love to you both from [illegible] Your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] seen [illegible] so much.

It would doubtless have been
a very great [illegible] if you could
have been with him in his last
hours [illegible] would [illegible],
but you have [illegible] taken, what seems
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] could [illegible], he
[illegible] [illegible] his, and you
can have [illegible] [illegible] reflections
on that [illegible] [illegible] ordering
of [illegible] all [illegible] wisdom.

[illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
John than [illegible] always been so
much [illegible].

[illegible] let us know
[illegible] you [illegible] from John, [illegible]
feel much [illegible] anxiety about them
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

with them. Will it be safe for you to send money in a letter. A gentleman here who does a great deal of business when sending drafts to the east, cuts them in two, sending one half and then in another letter sending the other half. He advised me [illegible] to direct the [illegible] to the daughter [illegible] here, to whom he [illegible] you [illegible] of the [illegible] although he [illegible] out in [illegible] meant deal [illegible] never [illegible] any thing. [illegible] all in [illegible] here [illegible]. Please write again soon. [illegible] much love to you all [illegible] Affectionately

Elizabeth Butler

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] may [illegible] we all be

prepared [illegible] in

that happy [illegible]. Soon we shall

all follow [illegible] after [illegible]

[illegible] less [illegible]

[illegible] earth. [illegible] hard to

think [illegible] never [illegible] see him again

[illegible]

his [illegible] passed

the [illegible] before us

all, and from [illegible] we shrink,

and we [illegible] with him.

[illegible] Margaret

and [illegible] have left

on earth [illegible] reunited.

May it be a [illegible] circle [illegible]

[illegible]

You [illegible] the immediate

circumstances of [illegible] departure. [illegible]

[illegible] home; [illegible] he been

[illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] terms [illegible]
[illegible] such a long [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] plans you must make
calculations for this and [illegible]
[illegible] come [illegible]
for a [illegible] extended [illegible] the [illegible]
for a short time and then [illegible]
[illegible] recitations [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] a newcomer and a stranger
[illegible]
[illegible] of any responsibility [illegible]
[illegible] him [illegible] conformity [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] if you come here as [illegible] from first would not help you. You have already enough of this, and it would be injurious to the introduction of any new element of strife among them. I would go to the Pres. & receive and be sure that I understood from him just the nature and extent of the duties expected of me, and quietly perform them to the very best of my ability. I should be very careful that they could not suspect me of ambition, or rivalry, or any thing of that kind. I know that is not what you want at all, you only wish to be the most favorably circumstanced to exert an influence for good over some scholars and that is right. But probably this will not be the best way to effect it, if you get the ill will of any member of the Faculty, and especially of one who has had an intimate relation to your department, and who still remains an honored member of the Faculty, it will be a great disadvantage to you. Ever.

[illegible] We hope [illegible] the [illegible]

Better [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in managing [illegible] right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. If the [illegible] explanation of [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] place, I would [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] merely [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there is any explanation [illegible] [illegible] or controversy. [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. But [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] that you have been complaining [illegible] him, or that you feel [illegible] at all [illegible] it.

And in regard to the class [illegible] would say nothing more about it. [illegible] [illegible] understand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it, and if [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as soon as they can. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of that kind [illegible] [illegible] a decided fitness for it, and [illegible] [illegible] the same time not to appear to seek it. [illegible] cannot [illegible] a stranger expect to have the same influence over the [illegible] [illegible] seniors, as you will own [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

your character as a teacher better [illegible] there. It will come about [illegible]. The more earnest you appear for the good of your scholars and the less sensitive in regard to your own rights the better you will succeed.

But I fear I have written too freely; my anxiety for you is my only apology. I have tried to put myself in your place. You will pardon me I know.

I think, my dear sister, you are in a position where you may do a great deal of good, if your own heart is right. Seek for a new baptism for your work, a new consecration of all your powers to doing good; a fitness morally, spiritually, as well as intellectually, from him who has all wisdom, and grace. For after all is not their moral education, their spiritual well being of the highest, the most lasting consequence.

So far [illegible] you ask for our [illegible] in, and I [illegible] shown this letter to [illegible] Butler [illegible]. He thinks, [illegible] better course for you to take would be, to say nothing [illegible] about those difficulties you [illegible] with the [illegible] to any one, but quietly to take

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] better [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] account of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. You must find enough
to [illegible] keep you [illegible] happy
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. I think of you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] enough [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] that
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] neighbors'
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible]

New Brighton, Dec. 17, 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

We have just received your dear good letter, & were so glad to get them — though I knew that if nothing [illegible] we [illegible], yet I am [illegible] more happy to learn that She has [illegible] you safely. We had one letter from White R. J. on Wednesday. Really I think you must have had a pleasant time. [illegible] then if you had been obliged to [illegible] any more, but if I were going tomorrow I think I should take the same course. Truly, the Lord has been good to you, and has answered our prayers. We ought never to distrust him. We shall be anxious to know what the Dr. thinks of your case. Hope you will write soon. Hope you will be able soon to recover your health, so that you may come back to us, or do anything else that may seem to be best. The children miss you very much. They hopped and skipped

[illegible]

when we had your first letter and I suppose
they will [illegible] when they come home from school.
[illegible] Lizzie and Hattie do not know who will
teach them verses when they go to meeting.
[Lizzie] sleeps with mamma this week, and Johnnie will
next week. then they think they will be able to decide which
[illegible] to.

[Annie], dear. I do hope you will be
better when your cold is better. Are you really on the
whole improving much. I do wish you would
write me more particularly. It would have
been pleasant indeed if I could have come out
with mother. I shall come as soon as I can.
I long to see you all.

Things are moving on [illegible] with us
we like our new bedroom very much.
It will be much more convenient than
sleeping up there. For the cold weather
[illegible] in your room. [illegible]

We all miss you, but I have no doubt
it will better for you to have a change for a while
Everyone I see inquires for you. Miss Dudley was in
here evening. She was sorry you could not stay. Much love Elizabeth

[illegible]

Northampton, Jan [illegible]

It seems long since we have heard from you. I thought of writing to some of you [illegible] that I could wish you a happy new year, [illegible] of you. It is the first time I have written the date of the new year. It certainly ought to be a happy one to us. Through mercy we have been spared. [illegible] his goodness to us. Indeed the [illegible] the past year has been to me one of comfort [illegible] believing [illegible] joy.

[illegible] the children, [illegible] speaking of her. She longs to have her come back [illegible] sleep with her. We are all as well as usual except [illegible] health is poorer than [illegible], but he is able to attend to his duties, but he needs rest.

The children are [illegible] and
[illegible] after
[illegible] winter [illegible]
[illegible] week.

Things are moving on here as
usual. [illegible] quite a quantity of snow
today. The winter has been [illegible]
[illegible] cold weather.

Mother Beecher is with us now. She
wishes to be remembered to you all.

The people frequently inquire for you
[illegible]. They have manifested a good deal
of sympathy [illegible] your poor health
and are glad to hear that you are better.
I long to see you all. Hope it will
be so ~~that~~ I can visit you before long.
Mr B. was saying a week or two ago
that he wished Mother could come and stay
with us two or three months, and [illegible]
we should all enjoy it very much. We
have always been glad that you were able to
come out when you did. I dreamed the
other night that you were here again.

[illegible], Aug. 5. 18[illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] home.

I am going to write to you all now, and answer any [illegible] letters [illegible] you [illegible] home. I mean to write [illegible] than I have, that is my resolution and you may see how well I will keep it! You see we are now at B. Batten's together, it makes me think of you. wish you could be here with me again. Am glad your health is improving. Your friends [illegible] often inquire for you [illegible]

please write all you hear about the[illegible]. I shall write to them soon. Cynthia. I enclose in this the order of [illegible] at the [illegible] here. I would write more but I am busy just now. Good bye. love to all. We all send love. wish we could have been with you to pick some of those berries.

Elizabeth.

The order of [illegible]

Aug. 8. Mon. We came home this morning. We had a beautiful visit, and we are glad to get home again. We are all now in excellent health. Our visits this summer have been a great benefit to us all. Our vacation is two weeks longer. Wish I could come home and see you this Fall, but I think I had better wait till next year if we live, that Mr. B. may come with me. He could not leave this season. and we do not seem to need the journey now as much as we may another summer. If it was not so expensive I would come now and then too. If it did not cost so much I should hope to see some of you here. But as it is we must write often. We were glad to hear that John is doing so well.

New Hampton, Aug 8, 1861.

Dear Sisters, and all,

I designed to have answered your last letter sooner, but we have been cleaning house &c and have been quite busy.

I was sorry to hear of Cousin Juditha's death, though I do not know as we ought to mourn [illegible] either, [illegible] we who are unprepared to go, at least, on their account. She has gone to meet dear friends, with whom she will ever be, those whom she has left will soon pass over and join them and her. Was glad to know that the closing scenes were so tranquil. The other shore does

not seem so very far away.
We have so many friends there now that the change seems more like a continuation of life. May we each meet our turn in peace.
Please give my love to Uncle [illegible], Aunt Eliza, cousin Mary and all the rest. Give my love to all our friends.

We are having it very [illegible] here. It has been quite warm to day.

School has just commenced. The number will not be very large this term. The [illegible]ological school is more prosperous than usual.

Mon. P. M. It was quite warm yesterday. cooler today. The children all go to Sabbath [illegible] [illegible]. They always

like the Sabbath school. They have just been getting some new books in the library, and that adds a new interest.

Mr. Fullerton's health has been quite poor for several weeks past. Has been out of school about half a term. Is able to go in again now. Prof. Smith has left on account of his health. He was here till the close of last term. They have not procured a new Principal yet. Eld. Stewart acts in that capacity for the present term. Eld. Sinclair preaches for us at present. Do not know whether he will move here and settle or not.

We are all in usual health. Mother B. is in Meredith centre this week. Mr. B's health

is better than usual this
spring.
We want to see you
all. and hope to before many
months. Please write as
often as you can. also what
you hear from John and
his family. We have heard
nothing for a long time.
Things here are about as
they were when Cynthia
left. People frequently
inquire for her and Mary
I must close it
is almost dark, and I
must send this to the
Post Office.
Hope to hear from
some of you soon
With love to all
Elizabeth.

Princeton Sep 26. 18[illegible]

[illegible],

We received your letter in due time. and are glad you think we do best in coming as we propose. Dr. H's health is some better, and we hope the journey may do him good.

He has had more than his usual amount of labor the past year and it has been too much for him. His lectures on theology have been published, and it has required a good deal of labor to get them ready. I will bring you out a copy when we come.

The children are all well.

make things [illegible] get along
well while you are gone.
Hope [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you
all well. We are having
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
been [illegible] commenced, and
it is still progressing.

Hoping to see you all
in health I will write no
more now.

Love to all,

Yours as ever

Elizabeth Butler [?]

New York, May 4. 1861.

Dear Friends at Home,

We arrived here this morning. Had a pleasant time coming. Staid at Mary's till about three o'clock. Had no difficulty in getting a good state room, and had a good nights rest - entirely comfortable. This morning it rained hard. Cousin Thomas met us at the boat as he said. We are disappointed however in going there as his wife is sick. She has not been very well for a few days, and yesterday the doctor pronounced her disease the varioloid. They seem as much disappointed as we are as they had made every preparation to ~~have~~ us come. The doctor

thinks she will not be very sick. Cousin Thomas will meet us at the ferry tomorrow morning to go with us to Mr. Beecher's church. We shall visit around with different friends.

We shall probably go home Thursday or Friday and will write again after we reach home. Love to all

Elizabeth

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr[illegible],

[illegible] not [illegible]

when your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to

you [illegible], and then you [illegible]

in my debt, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

policy?

[illegible] W. [illegible]

and we [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] his health, [illegible]

[illegible] meetings in one of the [illegible]

[illegible] churches [illegible]

and he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]. I [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

between here and Bristol [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] pleasure.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

before next [illegible]. I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a good [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] the children of [illegible]! I [illegible] [illegible] has got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for him [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the school again [illegible]?

[illegible] [illegible] of you. [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

What [illegible] I get for a
[illegible] hair
[illegible]? Send me a bit of one of
your dresses that you think becoming
[illegible], so I shall know what to
get for [illegible]. I do not care much [illegible]
I wish I could [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
Spring [illegible].
But I must close.
[illegible] all [illegible] love to you all
Good bye. Hope [illegible] shall
[illegible] from you soon.

Yours [illegible].

Elizabeth [illegible]

[illegible] wants me to send one of her
envelopes. [illegible] of the letter she wrote [illegible]
[illegible].

Biddeford, Jul. 28. 1862.

Dear friends at home.

I embrace this opportunity to write you a few lines this morning. We came here last wed. and shall probably stay two or three weeks. The children are here and are having a good time. If Jennie did not conclude to go to Holyoke I hope she and one of the other girls will come and see us in Sep. or Oct. Mr R's health is not very good. Hope the visit is doing him good. This is a manufacturing place and the mills are all closed. So it is very dull now - but little business. Not a very good place for shopping. We are going to try bathing in the salt water before we go back, do not know how we shall like

it. I imagine it very well. Perhaps it may do no good though. We have had good likenesses taken of the children. Will send you one when we get back.

Hope you are all well. Please write soon. It would seem a great ways out there were it not that John is so much farther off. Hope he will do well.

The war seems pretty dark. Do you see any light ahead? It is a comfort to think that Providence is in and above it all. Mr B. will write on the other page. Much love to all. Hope we shall hear from you soon. Good Bye. Elizabeth

Biddeford, Me. July 28.

Dear Father Everett,

We propose to publish soon a general Catalogue of our Theological School, containing the names of all who have been connected with it from the beginning. I find on our list many whose present residence & standing I am not able to give. Among them are some who attended more or less at Whitestown. I wish to obtain the present residence of each, and to learn if they are in the ministry. I subjoin a list of such, hoping you may be able to give me some information respecting them. They are, John R. Griffiths,

Hugh P. Griffiths,

Alfred Harris,

Hugh Hughes.

Edward Humphrey,
David O. Jones,
Lemuel Jones,
John L. Jones,
Owen F. Parry,
William Parry
Thomas W. Roberts.

If you will give me the residence of such of the above as you can, and whether they are now in the ministry, I shall be much obliged to you.

We have just been out for a ride. Tomorrow, we think, we will go to the ocean for bathing. Br. Thompson proposes to take us out fishing next week. We are all enjoying it very much. Hope to have a visit from Jennie & Cynthia soon, and all of you when you can. We remember our excellent visit with you last year.

Truly Yours,
J. J. Butler.

Direct to New Hampton.

[illegible]

[illegible] Home,

[illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible] a long time [illegible]

[illegible] from you [illegible]

[illegible] mother [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. We are [illegible]

[illegible]. It is [illegible] time [illegible]

[illegible] quiet here. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] on account of going to [illegible]

[illegible] the children's [illegible]

[illegible] to-day.

[illegible]

lot? [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] people here [illegible]
[illegible] about it [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

New Hampton, April 22, 1863.

Dear Br. & Sister,

Your welcome letter should have been answered before this, but I wanted Jim B. to write to you and waited till he returned. We were very glad to hear from you, it seemed so long since you had written. You say that you long to see some of the old familiar faces. I do not wonder that you do, and it makes me sad to think how far you are from us all. I wish you could come out and we could all once more meet. It would be pleasant though our circle on earth must still be a broken one. It seemed sad when we were out to father's not to meet those who are gone. It seemed almost as though we must go to Robert's room in Wis. But they

have entered we trust on a better in-
heritance, and we shall shortly follow.
And it is my greatest desire now that
our loved circle may not be broken above

I think a great deal about our children
and it is the daily cry of my heart that
they may be true christians from early
childhood. It seems to me that is the way.
I want them to have the restraints and comforts
of religion all through life. If we can all
meet, with our little ones in that better world
we can well all earths trials but light affliction.

We were much interested in Franks
letter to Johnny. I wish he would write again.
We like to have our children feel acquainted
with their cousins, and writing seems to be the
only way now. Hope you are all well.
Please tell us the baby's name. Sorry you
have lost your peaches. Guess we shall
have to wait till your others come before
we visit you. Robbie, you must raise one tree for
aunt Elizabeth. And you must kiss the baby for
me too. Write again soon. With much love Elizabeth.

New Hampton, April 22, 1863.

Br. Everett,

Your letter was received some weeks ago, and would have been answered before, but I have been absent on a journey to Maine to obtain aid for our School. I have endorsed on your note the sum you paid for taxes, and when you pay the tax for the last year, please inform me, and I will endorse it.

We were glad to hear from you, and should be glad to see you all. I hope your hardest days in Kansas are past, and that more prosperous scenes are before you.

Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler

New Hampton, Aug. 12. 1863.

Dear Friends at Home,

I fear some of you are sick. I think I have written three times since receiving any thing from you. Have for some time been looking every day hoping to hear something from you. Last night I dreamed that Mary had been very sick all Summer, and when I awaked I thought now I will write again to day.

We are getting along about as usual. We are all well and enjoying the vacation, ^most^ only about two weeks longer. We had a nice little visit last week at Br. Butters at Meredith. Went Tues. and came back Frid. Wish you were near enough for us to visit you a part of the time. It is so long since

we have heard from you that I have been hoping that some of you were coming to see us. and have almost expected to see the stage stop and drop some of you at our door. but no such good news yet.

How are Lewis' folks. Hope you are none of you sick. Do you hear from John. We have had so much warm weather that I fear it will be sickly. But we must all be the more careful. Is aunt Sarah with you. and how is she? Has Jennie been to New York yet. and does she get any encouragement about her hearing? She must not forget her promis to come and see us. It is getting dark and I must close. will try and write more next time. Please write as soon as you get this. With love Elisabeth

New Hampton, Aug. 16. 1864.

Dear Sister Jennie, and all.

Your very welcome letter was duly received, and should have been responded to before this had I not been very busy indeed. Father had written to us before about Sarah Maria's illness. It is very sad to have her thus taken from her family. It will be quite a charge for you to take care of the little one. I hardly see how you took that journey alone unless your hearing is much better. Hope John will be able to visit you before he returns. I wish I could see him too. His lot

has been rather hard since he went out to Kansas. Frank is a brave boy to stay out there alone. We his written to John, and the children have all written to him. We have also sent him papers. Be sure and write if there is any thing more favorable in Sarah M's symptoms. We feel anxious about them. It must be a great trial to John. I cannot see how She accomplished such a journey alone in her state of health with the little one with her. And I cannot summon courage to go out and see you alone when I have health. Shame, isn't it.

We are all in usual health. We are having a quiet vacation, and it is nearly over now. We have not been away any where. School begins again

next week. The children and I have been doing our work alone this vacation, and it keeps us pretty busy. Mother B. has gone to visit her friends in Dover, &c.
How very warm it has been this Summer. The there has been once or twice 100 here in the thick shade. and it still continues very warm. To day it is more comfortable. 82°. We have had rains along lately, which makes it more pleasant. and has saved our corn and potatoes.

Wish you had some of our nice early apples. The Early Harvest. They have been ripe over two weeks. Perhaps you have them also. You forgot to mention in your last letter whether Eddie is still in the store. Please say in your next. Are any of

you teaching this Summer —?
How I should love to see you all. I think much of mother. Hope she is better before now. Does'nt she yet get the use of her arms and shoulder. Please write in your next — Give my love to John and Sarah when you write wish I could see them. Give my love to Lewis and his family. and to all the rest Give my love to cousin Mary should love to see her and the children. Wish Mary and all of you would write. It is getting dark, and I must close. With much love hoping to hear from you soon

Your sister Elizabeth Butler

New Hampton, Aug. 26. '80.

Dear Friends at Home,

We duly received your kind letters. We heard by Cynthia's that father and mother had gone to see John a&t Sarah and were not well when they started. We felt anxious about them and were very glad to get father's letter mailed at Utica, and to know that they had returned safely home. It was quite a journey to undertake with poor health. We are very sorry to hear that Sarah M.'s health is so very poor and her prospect for recovery so very doubtful. It will be

hard for John to be left alone with his little children. He must have been very glad to see you. I am very glad you could go. It must have been a great comfort to them. Will he probably visit you before he returns. They must have some anxiety about Frank. Hope he will get along well. John writes in the note he sent us that father's health is quite poor, and that he ought to rest a month at least. Can you not, father and mother, come out and see us, this Fall? and make us a good long visit. A few weeks here, removed from your cares, it seems to us would do you good. The journey too would do you good if you would take more time for it than you did before. We should all be glad to have you and a rest might prolong your usefulness. Please

write whether we may not expect you. You can be as quiet here as you please and have a better chance to rest, I know, than at home where so many are calling on you. Mr. Butler has just closed his vacation and his rest has done him good. He has a term now of ~~eleven~~ [thirteen] weeks and then a vacation again of eight weeks. After that he has a term of [illegible] 26 weeks. with a short recess in the middle of it. Lizzie is having the mumps now. She has them rather comfortably. Hattie is yet to have them. Mother Butler is absent ~~now~~ visiting her friends. Will probably return in a few weeks. Wish I could send [illegible] them some of our nice sweet apples, [illegible] you have plenty of them. It is near tea time. With much love to all of you from us all. Yours Affectionately.

Elizabeth Butler

New Hampton, Aug. 26.

Dear Father & Mother Everett,

I will add a line to say we were happy to receive your letter, and have been wanting to see you for a long time. This is a good time of the year for journeying, and we should be very happy to receive a visit from you. With your labors and cares you must need rest, & we fear the consequences if you do not allow yourselves some.

If you would come and spend a month with us we have no doubt but you would gain enough in strength & vigor to repay you abundantly; it might be the means of prolonging your days & usefulness.

Our term is just commencing, & promises to be a full one. We are having fine weather now, & it is a time of general health with us. Hope to hear from you soon, & also to see you here.

Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler

[illegible]

Dear Friends at Home,

It is some time since [illegible] have heard from you. And you [illegible] want too to hear from us. Though I think it is not so long as it seems [illegible] need so much [illegible]

[illegible]. How is our rejoicing turned into mourning. That our good President with a heart so filled with [illegible] to all, should be the victim of so [illegible] murderous plot, is terrible indeed. It [illegible] the vile spirit of rebellion [illegible] more. May the guilty [illegible] meet their just deserts. I hope Seward may be spared, and [illegible] that others [illegible] [illegible]. I believe [illegible] overrule for us if we trust in him. I wanted [illegible]

rejoicing at the recent Jubilee [illegible] and
[illegible] occurrence. I knew that he
would be so glad that Slavery would
be no more. I am glad he has lived to
see the day when American Slavery
is gone. Uncle John is glad, he has
suffered for it in Kansas.

How are you all! we are having
fine Spring weather. The grass
beginning to start and the buds to
[illegible]! We are all in usual
health. Our vacation comes this
week. Mr. B. will be glad to have a
little rest. Four years ago we made
you that visit. Wish it was [illegible]
that we might come again.

4. Thurs. P.M. I am not very smart with
[illegible]. This ought to have gone before
this.

chy by the 7. A.M. I shall not have time
to write a very short letter as I have
[illegible] with some things to do. We have
been cleaning house and we have been
too busy to write. The cleaning is done
and now comes the fixing for winter
weather which will be a good job for me.
Their clothes are all worn out and must
all be let down, of course, and so
the pleasant duties come one after
another. John and Lizzie are studying
Algebra this term. Hattie is the
little one yet and goes to the primary
school. She is visiting this week
at her uncle Butler's at Meredith
Her grandmother B. has gone with
her. We all miss Hattie she was
never away from us before. Her
birthday was last Sunday, ten years
old. They will be grown up before
I know it.

I hope you are all well

We are having mild spring weather. The grass is very green. John and his father are planting their corn and potatoes. How do you get on with the Hymn Book? Hope it will not crowd you too much. How long will it take? Prices are coming down. Hope it will make it better for you. You have not mentioned Aunt Mary for sometime, how is her health. Wish she would write. Aunt Anna also has not written in a long time. Is Eddy still in the store in Flemington? Give my love to Uncle George and the children, also to John and the children, and all of you. Please write soon. You must not keep too busy. We all send love.

Will write again after we hear from you.

Yours as ever

Elizabeth E. Butler

[illegible] would be better
[illegible] of the [illegible] of vacation [illegible]
[illegible] good [illegible] evening [illegible]
[illegible].

Mr. Potter and I attended
the [illegible] meeting [illegible] and two
[illegible] babies and Jones, Potter had
a very pleasant time, was gone from
home morning to Sunday night.
I [illegible] forget the [illegible] when he [illegible]
[illegible] bonnet white [illegible]
[illegible] flowers, [illegible] with
[illegible] I heard of [illegible] going
home
[illegible] vacation [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Mr. Potter's [illegible]
[illegible] expect
[illegible] next week. Potter was
very much pleased with [illegible]
letter [illegible], she
[illegible] different

[illegible] meeting [illegible]
at the breakfast table [illegible]
speaking of [illegible] going to Boston on the approaching
[illegible] when Mr. Butler said, there
[illegible] no man he would like to
see so well as Gen. Grant.
Hattie remarked that [illegible] was some
one she would like to see much
[illegible]. On inquiring who she
[illegible] grandpa Everett. She
often [illegible] she wishes she could
[illegible]

It is growing so dark [illegible]
[illegible] Good night [illegible]
much love [illegible]

Do not forget to write
when we may expect you
[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

Eli[illegible] B[illegible]

New Hampton, Oct 11. 1866

Dear Friend:

It is pleasant to find ourselves home again with our loved ones all well and happy. We had to stop two hours in Albany, so that we did not reach Springfield till nine in the evening. We went to the Cooley Hotel near the depot, the same house where we stopped coming out. Leaving Springfield at quarter past seven yesterday morning, waiting an hour and a half at Worcester, we got home at seven last evening, pretty tired with the ride but feeling quite well. It was pleasant weather all through.

They were not expecting us till to-night, so were taken a little by surprise; they were very glad to see us, as we to see them. The children look better than when

[illegible] you must not work too hard. [illegible] can [illegible] be much. How I wish you were [illegible]

Hattie [illegible] her [illegible]

we left home. They have had a great time unpacking, and looking at their presents. We got these portfolios for them at Albany, very pretty & good, for which they have to thank their aunties. They are very much pleased with them. Johnny thinks every thing of the type & ink. So with all their numerous presents. They will all write you soon.

We look back with deep and unmingled pleasure on the very pleasant visit we had with you all. We can not express our appreciation of your kindness to us. Such seasons are green & sunny spots in life's journey, and serve to endear to our hearts still more those we love. We hope it will not be long before we shall have a visit from you here. With much love to each of you.

Yours Truly,

J. G. Butler

New Hampton Oct. 11. 1866.

My Dear Parents, Sisters and all,

You will be glad to hear that we have been preserved safely to [illegible] home, and find all is well. [illegible] have been doing better than [illegible] expected, and I think it has done [illegible] good to have a little more care for [illegible] while. When I saw how very glad they were to see us I was glad to be here [illegible] before they expected. I think [illegible] enjoyed our coming more. They are [illegible] pleased with everything we brought [illegible]. I wish you could see the [illegible] they shall keep them as long as [illegible] live. We shall never forget your kindness to us all.

I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed the good visit, only I [illegible] you did that it was too short.

... but have been long
and let me finish it and Ever. I shall
think much of you all, each one.
and imagine what you may be doing.
I do hope you will all be very careful
of your health.
Father Butler is well as usual
He is much pleased with the [illegible] and the
[illegible]. Lizzie likes the dress I brought her
[illegible] it is just such a one as she wanded.
[illegible] I think she would have suited better
if it had been darker but she likes it well
as it is. They are not difficult to suit.
[illegible]
[illegible] our mountain [illegible]
[illegible] changes [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Mr. Butler [illegible]
I hope you will write often, we shall
be anxious to hear from you all. Hope
Esther will enjoy her school. Give our
love to Lewis and his family. and to
[illegible] the old home a large
[illegible] The children [illegible] they will write

New Hampton, Jan. 10. 1867.

Dear Friends at Home,

May I answer all your kind letters together as I can write but little now. I am taking my turn in having a bad cold, but am getting better. I am glad father is having a rest. He needs it as much as any one I know. I hope it will be a great help to him. We should be glad to have him and mother come out and see us next Summer, though perhaps they would enjoy it better after Mr B. returns. If they could do both I should like that better. At least some of you I hope will be able to come.

In regard to my going with Mr Butler I should like it, if it was right to leave the children. And then the expense would be more than we are able to bear, as I should wish to go the whole route if I went at all.

It seems a long time to think of his being gone a year, but if he can have health and strength to meet it I shall be glad for him to have the opportunity. I am quite sure he needs the rest and change. It seems a providential opening, and so I say, go, and the Lord go with thee. If I was going I should like much to have some of you go too. If it did not cost so much we could make up quite a pleasant company. But I guess I shall wait till prices are lower and my purse is fuller.

So last night was your donation. I should like to know how you are all feeling today. Pretty well used up, I think likely. Did you have [illegible], and how much did you get. You must [illegible] tell all about it. Hattie wished she could be there. Have you got her long letter yet. I fear it will cost more than it is worth to read it.

It is a beautiful bright day today. We have but little snow, not as much

as you have. I presume.

How is Anna's health? Hope she is getting stronger and better. Has Cynthia's school closed? Write when you hear from John again. Do you know how cousin Alexander is getting along? Mr B.'s school is to open next week again so he goes in to teach until he sails. I can hardly realize that his passage is engaged, his ticket and passport all obtained for Europe. But if he is prospered it will all slip away very quick.

A letter just received from Eddie. He seems to be getting along well and happily. I think [illegible] ill not stop to fill my sheet. [illegible] rite again the sooner. Hope father and mother are both resting. Suppose the Cenhadwr has still to be carried along. But he must take it as easy as he can. I shall want to hear from you again soon. With love to all.

Yours Elizabeth.

[illegible], Dec. 2. 1857.

Dear Friends at Home,

[illegible]'s welcome letter came a short time since. I was glad to hear that you were getting along well as usual. I wish to [illegible] you [illegible] I know you [illegible] will be glad to hear of Mr. [illegible]'s safe arrival at Liverpool on Nov. 4th. They went immediately to the Washington hotel where he was when he wrote. He mailed a letter at Queenstown [illegible] then another at Liverpool [illegible] fearing I might not receive the first, so we had one yesterday and the day before, which relieved us from much anxiety. He writes that the passage was a very rough one said to [illegible]

the officers of the ship to be one of the roughest they had ever known. — Mr. B. bore it much better than he expected, was not much sea sick was troubled with nausea the first three days, but by keeping his bottle quiet in his berth and being careful, he got over it, so that by the first Sabbath on board he was pretty well, able to be on deck and in the saloon most of the day, Mr. Thompson was not sick at all, but Henry was pretty sick about a week.
The wind, the vessel pitched fearfully and one night they had a heavy gale or cyclone which blew fearfully some two hours terribly. There was but little sleep that night on [illegible] [illegible] might be [illegible] [illegible]. They were driven 40 miles off their course. [illegible] very thankful that he knew the [illegible] [illegible]

well, and is getting [illegible] now he writes much better than when he left home. His last letter was Nov. 5. and they were expecting next day to leave for London to stay there two or three weeks and then from there he will write us again. I shall feel much better now I can hear from him. I hope the journey will do him [illegible] good. [illegible] wish father could have gone with him. He would enjoy it better to have some of the [illegible] sisters with him.

We are all quite well, [illegible] are getting along better than [illegible] thought we should. You can[illegible] better [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] coming up the first of the summer you must be very busy [illegible] [illegible] patchings. I shouldn't [illegible] going out so much. [illegible] [illegible] good. I want to see

you will. I hope your mother's health
will be better. Hope we
will hear again from you
soon. Your letters are always
welcome. Had a letter from
Bristol a few days ago.
Mr. Thompson wants us
to visit her this Summer
perhaps we may, though
I hardly think we shall
go from home. I must
close now. Give my love
to Laura & your brother and all
the rest. With much love

Yours ever
E. E. Butler

[illegible] Aug [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a letter [illegible]

[illegible] have come all together, [illegible]

[illegible] reach him before that date; we had put them in the print envelope in London, and they were directed to forward them to Rome, but neglected to do so. When our friends reached Rome [illegible] they wrote immediately to London, so all was forwarded from there and reached them at Rome all right. I am glad he is able to hear from us again. He will hear more regularly while he is in Eng and Scotland. I have written to him when I

Aunt Jane's letter. Hope he will visit them before long now. I copied the extract from aunt's letter, that is the part that referred to him. I should be glad to have him visit them. Should like to be with him. I am very thankful that he [seems] to be getting along so well and that he is gaining so much in health and strength. It seems to be just the change that he needed. Hope he will make the best of it, and stay as long as he thinks it is best. Though of course, we shall be glad when it is well over, and we are all together again. We write to him regularly every week, and we receive a letter every week from him. This makes it much easier and pleasanter for us. I am glad you have written to him. He will be very glad to hear from you.

We are all well. Johnny has had a very bad cough, but he is much better now, and I hope it will

soon entirely leave him. The children all go to school.

We have had a pretty cold backward spring. The grass is getting to look green and pretty now.

Cynthia, tell me what kind of a stove you have. I am glad you have got rid of that large one. I did not admire it. It filled the room so much. How is mother's eye? It troubled her a good deal when I was out there, and I have thought of it a good many times. Please tell me when you write how it is.

Johnny was much pleased to receive that letter from Cynthia. He means to answer it soon.

I am glad Anna is some better. Hope she and Sarah will be able to come out and visit us.

I must close now, with love to all, your [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

We are all well.
Johny had a bilious
attack last week
but is quite well
again now.
They all expect
a good deal of pleasure
from your visit.

[illegible] any objections.
I can turn it to matter,

Your letters are just received
Sarah's today, Anna's yesterday. I would
say, no it will not trouble us to have you
here when we move. It would be more
likely to trouble you and make your
visit not so pleasant for you. On that
account would it not be best for you to
come as you planned, and then have Eddy
come when convenient for him, and accom-
pany you home. You know best however.
Do as best suits your convenience. We
shall be glad to see you and will try and
make the visit pleasant for you. Our
anniversary exercises here are on the
11th of July. after which there is a vacation
of five weeks. Next week is yearly

meeting, then I suppose the location of the school will be decided. It seems now probable that the Institute school will be removed to Haverhill, Mass. We shall know after next week.

Our last letter from Mr. Butler, of May 14. was from Florence. He was still well, and trying to make the most of his time and opportunity. From there he thought of going to Switzerland and Germany before going to Paris. So he will not get our letters at Paris quite as soon as he expected. I am very thankful that the journey is agreeing with him so well. He does not yet seem to know when he will probably return.

Please write to let us know when we may expect you. I think you will have a better visit if you come before we move. We may not be so pleasantly situated after that. ~~this~~ I must close now. With love to all,

Elizabeth.

New Hampton, June 27. 1867.

Dear Friends at Home,

I wrote you a few days ago, but then did not send it ex[pecting] every day we might see some of you here. If you recollect you left it quite uncertain in your last letter when you might come, not knowing when Eddie might be able to leave his business. I hope Anna's health will be sufficient for the journey. It will do them all so much good I hope nothing will happen to hinder their coming. The children would be greatly disappointed if they did not come after all. We will all try to make it as pleasant as we can for you. Please to write so that we may know when we may expect you. I am hoping now that we may not have to move till Mr B. returns, though

it is not yet decided. I suppose it will depend some upon whether Mr. Fox is able to sell his other house. If he does not I am hoping he will let us remain here.

To-day we received another letter from Mr. B. dated Switzerland June 10. He had just received your letter. He said he was very glad to get it, and should answer it soon. He is very glad you are coming to visit us, and wants you to stay and make us a good long visit, and he thinks it will do you a great deal of good. He had also just received a letter from uncle Nathaniel from Rosa. He was glad to receive it and was going to answer it immediately. He says his health is quite good. He has not felt so well for [illegible]. He is expecting to return about the middle of October. Mr. Thompson has to return on account of business. If he comes so soon he will not be able to go to Palestine. We shall all regret this. I think you would enjoy being here at our anniversary, which is in about

two weeks. In my calculations for company I shall reserve places for you. We should enjoy that better than any other company we might have. If you should not be able to come so soon though and should think best to wait till it [illegible] as Sarah mentioned in her letter it would make no difference with us. only please let us know. If you should see that we might possibly make a little visit to Biddeford and Buxton in the mean-time, as the children say they shall be very lonely here vacation, if you do not come. That would be all uncertain however, depending some on whether we move or not. and whether I could get up courage to [illegible]. [illegible] are all expecting to enjoy your visit. I hope Eddie will be able to leave. Hattie is afraid she shall have to "box" aunt Sarah's ears.
It is getting late and I must close

I shall be looking for you now every day till you come or I hear from you. We all send much love to you all. Mr. B. writes that he wishes father and mother would come also. we should all agree with him in that. though I know they would enjoy it better to come when he is at home.

Hoping to hear from you soon and see some of you. I close with a thousand good wishes,

Elisabeth.

If you should stop a night at Springfield, you would find the Cooley house, a good quiet place near the depot. The waiters would be there to direct you and to carry your trunk. That is where we stopped.

Good night. E.

Mother B. is with us now. came last week. She is very glad you are coming. wants to see you all. especially Anna.

[illegible] July 9. 1867.

Dear Friends at Home,

I cannot [illegible] write much, only a little with a little [illegible]. [illegible] in the [illegible] room. We are all having a good visit with them. I am very glad they came here and we all want to have them stay as long as they can. Anna must make a fair trial of our New England climate. I am sorry to see her so feeble but I think she is improving and I trust she will much more. The change is doing Sarah good too. She needs it and I can see it is doing her a great deal of good. I wish we could help you when you get in your hard places. If we should move to Mass. we shall be a little nearer and then it will be easier to visit each other. I want to see you all.

My last letter from Mr Butler was received Monday, written at Frankfort on the Main, Aug. 12. He was quite well. Feels as he used to 10 or 12 years ago. Says he was never heavier, has gained 11 pounds. But he says he shall be glad to get home again. Travelling is not all romance. He designs to visit our friends in Wales. and Henry thinks of going there with him. I would like to be there with him. He mentions receiving a letter from you, and that he should answer it soon. I am very glad you take time to write to him. He says all our letters do him a great deal of good in that far off land.

It is dark. Love to all.

Elizabeth

Oct. 21, 1867.

I have received ... with the letter from Mr. Butler, dated Rosa, Oct. 4 & 5. And as I know you will be interested in all he writes about his visit to our friends in ... I will copy what he says about that. Writing to me he says, "You'll like to get a letter from Rosa, ma's birthplace, also grandma Everett's. It is a large three story stone house, with several barns, and outbuildings, garden, fields and pastures enclosed with pretty green hedges. Mr. Roberts has a good farm under excellent cultivation, but has to pay about $1000 a year rent and $300 a year taxes. His eldest daughter is married and lives 1/2 mile from here. They have a little boy, Johny, a year old. The younger daughter is soon to be

married. The son, Thomas, 28 years old,
wants to go to America & have his father
go to. Perhaps they will. I have visited
several families - yesterday Mr. Edwards
at Denbigh whose wife is a relative.
Their son is a student in Oxford Universi-
ty, has a little more than a year to
graduation. I was glad to see him. It is
now vacation at Oxford. I have been to
Port A[illegible] near the river, where father
used to live awhile." (Has he spelled
that name right? it does not sound
to me like the name of the place where
we used to live E.) "The country around
Denbigh is very pleasant. Yesterday was
thanksgiving. I attended meeting in the
afternoon, very good. I spent the evening
at Mr Ellis' a teacher in Denbigh,
met Wm. Owen there, a very pleasant
man, who has several brothers in
America, one a general in the war.
[illegible] Owen lectured here on Temperance
[illegible] weeks ago. Denbigh is about two

large as Saco, and quite an interesting place - two large English churches, and several Welsh. I expect to visit other families of our relatives here, and at Rhyl, Mold, &c. I am glad I came to Wales, not only because it is pleasant to see the friends, but also to be better acquainted with English home life. England and Wales, you know are now all one with very little difference. All are deeply interested in hearing about America. They all wish you were here, and say we must come again. I tell them perhaps we will after they visit us.
Oct. 5.
I am having a good time here. Yesterday P.M. I went gunning with Mr. Roberts, he got a partridge and a rabbit. A week from today I am on the old Ocean again. Mr. Roberts and perhaps others will go with me to Liverpool to see me off. William has written to Mr. Boothby to meet me if possible at the steamboat wharf.

in East Boston; so you see I
am pretty well provided for.
I hope to have a pleasant passage
I am well and think I shall
enjoy it. I hope to be at home
before the close of this month!!
I have copied so much of this
letter because I knew you would
be interested in it as I was and
it would seem especially to father
and mother, next to visiting there
to hear so directly from there. No [illegible]
he has written to you, but I thought
there might be some things in
my letter, not in yours. I wish
we could see you all after he returns.
Some of you must try and visit us as
soon as you can. Lottie has just
received her letter from Cynthia.
She says she shall answer it soon
and was much pleased to receive it.
[illegible] the piece from Sarah. They will
[illegible] it when their father comes home.

[illegible]

[illegible] as he does. Let us pra[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. B[illegible] has re[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. B. brought some letters

[illegible] One to [illegible]

[illegible] I shall write. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Hampshire [illegible] 28, 18[illegible]

Dear Friends

I am happy [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] journey [illegible]

[illegible] that a few [illegible] rest [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the journey. [illegible]

[illegible]

with our friends in [illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Miss [illegible] went with [illegible]

[illegible] the steamer [illegible]

spent a night at [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible] all the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] many pleasant acquaintances [illegible]

friends and [illegible]

[illegible] beautiful country [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] to you all. [illegible] coming [illegible]
before long on a visit, & [illegible] to see the [illegible]
[illegible] place [illegible] in this country.

I had a very warm greeting on coming home. The
children [illegible] sweet [illegible] of welcome [illegible]
[illegible] very affecting & touching. It
[illegible]
[illegible] from time to time [illegible] welcome. The
[illegible] has been to us all. [illegible] the
[illegible] months of [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible], though many [illegible]
[illegible] without [illegible] or accident, [illegible]
[illegible] improved health, [illegible]
[illegible] going out to [illegible]
[illegible] am glad to [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] want to see you [illegible]
[illegible] you will [illegible] some time [illegible]
[illegible] come out & spend the [illegible]
We should be very glad to have them [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] would do them good.
We shall be glad to see [illegible] when
[illegible] you can come. We are having [illegible]
[illegible] Autumn. I am glad to be able to [illegible]
[illegible] ready for the next term [illegible] School,
[illegible] regards to you all.

Yours Truly, [illegible] Butler.

[illegible]

[illegible] that I suppose [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] not [illegible]

[illegible]. I hope [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible], but I suppose [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 36 [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], a
week or two more [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We could not
[illegible] had better company, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I could tramp over the
[illegible] quite smart enough. I [illegible]
[illegible] until they get their [illegible]
[illegible] Mt. Washington. [illegible] Anna [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sarah, [illegible]
[illegible] ought to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] getting along. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. How is Cynthia? Is she [illegible]
[illegible] soon? I see in the Independent
[illegible] commencement of the college
[illegible] has taken place, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] should [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New Hampton, [illegible]

Dear Friends,

As the others are writing
they wish me to put in a line.
We are having our quiet rest
here, which appears a very pleasant
change after the music school. The
first year. We are all well. My
health is better and I am more
vigorous than I have been before
for several years. My tour came just
in the right time. How I wish some
of you could have enjoyed it with
me. Nothing is better for health, if
taken in the right way. I shall
always remember the journey with the
many pleasures, especially my visit
to Wales — that lovely vale of Clwyd,
Rhos, Denbigh, Ruthin; and most of
all the kind friends who gave me

such a cordial greeting. We have written them twice since they left here, and hope soon to have a letter from them. We hope some of them will come here before long. I have wanted to see you all, and tell you many things. We are very desirous that father & mother should make us a visit this season. Do come and rest awhile with us. We shall be happy to see any of you that can come. I know you are all busy, but a little change will do you good. We often feel sorry that we must be separated from our friends, when it would be so pleasant to see you often. But let us make the best of the opportunities we have. We wish to be kindly remembered to you all, and the neighbors and friends whose acquaintance we have made. Please write often.

Yours Truly, J. J. Butler

[illegible]

[illegible] friends [illegible]

[illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible] from you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] week. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] some time [illegible]

[illegible] I think much

[illegible] I hope

[illegible] well and all of you. I

suppose you are [illegible]

[illegible] hurry with the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

pension with the soldiers right. It
would be a great disappointment
if you have not a chance of it all.

We are all pretty well. The
children are having vacation [illegible]
Father's health continues pretty
good. Not very strong but generally
able to attend to his duties. His
vacation commences next week.
Then he has a vacation of
eight weeks. If it were not
so far we would go out and
see you. But we must wait
till another season. In the
mean time we shall hope to
see some of you here to visit
us. Yesterday it rained all day
and we did not go out except
to [illegible] and [illegible]. Being vacation
meetings are quite small.
Some weeks ago our children were
baptized and united with the
church. They had been thinking of

it for sometime. Hope you will all
pray for them that they may many of them
be fitted to the profession they have
made. I do not know but the
[illegible] to them which will be
given up after all. The man who
offered to give the lot is making
conditions that the society cannot
agree to. It is not settled yet. I
do not know how it will turn.
It makes me feel rather un-
settled. I have been doing
my work alone now, with Lissie
and others help since last
[illegible] [illegible] expecting Charlotte to
help [illegible] meet me [illegible] two or
three weeks. I am quite behind
in my sewing and shall have
to be quite busy for some time.
Lizzie is quite a good help and
tends the baby [illegible], but on
account of their school
cannot help so much.

Have you seen the work.
"Yesterday To day and Forever"
noticed in the Independent.
We are reading it and are
much interested in it. I hope
you will write immediately
if you can, as we are anxious
to hear from you. Did you
receive our letter with the
pictures. I must not write
longer now. Mary, do you
remember attending a sewing circle
with me at Mrs. [illegible]'s when you
were here. Her husband, a
member of our church, was
buried last week, after quite
short sickness.
Hoping to hear from you
soon I close with much
love from us all. Yours [illegible]
E. E. B[illegible]

New Hampton June [illegible]/70

Dear Friends at Home,

I take a few moments to write a little in Martha's letter, though I think I have written home since I have heard from you. [illegible] to Mary a few days ago. [illegible] having dry [illegible] [illegible] heat. [illegible] in the [illegible]. So far we [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
I have been very busy with
my sewing and other work
and so have had to neglect
writing letters. Tell Cynthia
that [illegible]
[illegible], though
I [illegible] before
[illegible] with you [illegible]?
Hope you will not have lost
[illegible]. It makes
[illegible]
[illegible]. We have
had [illegible] and
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Are [illegible] nothing [illegible] about the removal of the school. I should not wonder if it were decided [illegible] at the anniversary at [illegible]. Hope it will be settled [illegible].

Have a little [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] all [illegible] you [illegible]. Love to all [illegible] your [illegible]

S. E. B.

[illegible]

Lewiston, Nov. 20. 1871.

Dear Friends at Home,

Jennie's kind letter, containing a part of Ottie's letter was duly received. Thank you for writing so promptly. How fortunately that they escaped, though so narrowly. One day last week, one of our acquaintances from the West, who also lost by the great fire, was here. He told us that Mr. Heffron lost what he had by the fire. The house where he lived was not burnt—but his place of business and all his stock of goods.

I think from what you write that you have had much colder weather than we have. We have not thought of ice in our cellar or in the house. We had quite a fall of snow last week though it is mostly gone now. But it is time for

cold weather now and we may look for winter any time. Yesterday was quite a pleasant day, but today looks like rain or snow. Johny and Lizzie went to the river this morning to skate but found the ice too thin. Mother B. came a week ago today. We are all well and Mr. B's term closes this week. He has a vacation of six weeks. Hattie is having a vacation of two weeks. Mr. B. is waiting for this, so please excuse its brevity. Love to all

Yours as ever. Elizabeth

Lewiston Mar. 21. 1872.

Dear Friends at Home,

I gladly embrace this opportunity of writing with Hattie. We were glad to learn by Jennie's letter to Johnny that you were all in usual health, and hope it is still so. We have not been quite as well as usual of late. First I had a fall on the icy sidewalk five or six weeks ago, which made me rather lame for some time. Then Hattie took cold and got rather tired in school, and had a slight run of fever, something as ~~last~~ she was last year, with a bad cough. She has got over it much better than she did then, and is about over it now. Nearly two weeks ago Mr. B. was taken much the same

way. I think lung fevers are rather
common here. he has had quite
a bad cough. but is getting much
better of it, and is gaining his
strength. He is looking pretty poor
but is picking up, and as next
week Wed. the vacation commences
He will have a good chance to
recruit. He goes to his classes
when the weather is not too cold,
and he can get a chance to ride
The rest of us are well. We have
had a pretty severe winter. and
so far a very cold March.
You have had a good deal more
snow than we, and it must
have been hard for you to
get along. Especially the severe
cold must have been hard
for father and mother. Have
they found it so, and how are
they now. and Anna, I suppose

she has felt the cold a good deal. Mr. B. sometimes feels, that he must find a milder climate in the Winter. Things are moving on here much as usual. We have had some sickness and some deaths among our neighbors. Our next neighbor, towards the city, Mr. Pilsbury, died last week, after a short illness.

Our neighbor opposite us, Capt. Holland, lost a son a few weeks since. I saw Mrs. Nevins at the funeral and spoke with her. I shall call on her soon.

We have been reading Mrs. Stowe's, "My Wife and I." but do not like it very well, hardly worth spending the time to read. We saw in the Advance mention of the present father has received from the churches. It must be

very pleasant to be so remembered.
They have been very generous
and kind. I think the brotherhood
of christians, after all is the
best. I mean to write to Mary
today or tomorrow. When you
write give our love to her, and
tell her I shall write soon.
What do you hear from John?
It must have been pretty hard
for them this cold winter.
Are Eddie and family well?
Give our love to them. I mean to
write to them soon. Remember
us all to Lewis and family.
How I should like to see
them all. Lizzie is just ready
to take this to the Office. So
I will close with much love
to you all from us all. Do
write soon, some of you. E. E. B.

We cannot [illegible] for him, we must
[illegible] for [illegible]
days we so gladly meet the
[illegible]
It must have been very hard
for him [illegible] mother [illegible]
[illegible] hard summer, [illegible] some of
[illegible] other ones of us all. It must
[illegible]
[illegible] summer, so she [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] baby is a little over
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] shall [illegible] that
[illegible] husband. [illegible]

Our prayers [illegible] all again and the [illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

This morning my letter has not gone yet but I shall try and send it today. [illegible] unreasonable [illegible]

I have a woman here washing [illegible]

[illegible] very little [illegible]

My [illegible] is at [illegible],
[illegible]
I am [illegible] History
of England. It is amusing [illegible]
[illegible] quite a
good little [illegible] brother is
quite busy in [illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible].

[illegible] for our little [illegible]
[illegible]
has [illegible]
[illegible]
thank you for [illegible]
[illegible].
Please write [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

Hillsdale, Sep. 4. 187[illegible]

My dear Mother, Sisters, & all,

I think so often of you all that it does not seem so long since I have written and yet I know it is some time and longer it seems since I have heard from you. And this is not one as I have not written since Jennie's postal card saying that by then [illegible] was better. I hope she still continues to improve and that you are all in usual health. We are all quite well, and I think it is a general season of health. Our college has lost one of its Professors the last week. He had been one of the teachers here about twenty years and needed a rest. He went about two months ago to Saco, Me. just on the seaboard

[illegible] dinner (now and then [illegible] of squash pies for tomorrow. It is a little cooler today and more comfortable. Carrie write soon as you can. With love to each and all. Yours as ever Elizabeth

The roots are growing nicely.

hoping to recruit. He was improving rapidly until taking cold he had typhoid fever and before his wife could reach him he died. His death will be a loss to the institution as he has done much for it. and a great loss to his family. He leaves a wife and 4 children nearly all grown up.

The school opened day before yesterday with quite a large number of students. The buildings are progressing one building completed another nearly so, and a third will be enclosed before winter.

We have had a very pleasant Summer, and farmers are having excellent crops. This is a great wheat country. I wish you could see how every thing grows here. Our garden is full of every thing eatable almost. Such a quantity

of tomatos, of pieplant of currants (of blackberries and peaches) usually though not this year, of grapes, of squashes, pumpkins, corn, melons (musk & water) potatos, beans, Sweet potatoes grow here well though we did not raise any this year but you can buy them cheap. Indeed every thing for the table is so much cheaper than at the East. we are paying now for milk four cents a quart. There is an excellent market here for farmers to sell their produce. about twenty miles from here on the railroad at Coldwater there is a fine art-gallery, free to all who wish to see it. we all went last week, and found it a very fine collection. two large rooms, the walls from ceiling to floor covered with beautiful

and interesting pictures
quite a number of copies of
the old Masters, which are
very interesting. we staid
quite some time in the pictures
then visited a family, Dr. Tallet and
wife, (formerly our students at Clinton)
and two daughters. We had a
very pleasant time and felt well
paid for our trouble.

Lovina and the baby are well
I was over to see them yesterday
Claire is improving every day
wish you could see their neat
little home. Only four rooms with
a small back room or shed.
a little house just large enough
for them. We have pleasant neighbors
and only regret being so far from you
all. but I think we must write
oftener. Give our love to all our
friends. Is Cynthia still improving?
and have they all come back from
New York. I must go and get

[illegible]

Dear Parents [illegible]

We received your letter day before yesterday and [illegible] to you went the same day. We were very glad to learn that you were all well as usual. and that the absent ones had returned. I am very glad that Mary has given up the house. The [illegible] is enough for one no stronger than she is. Hope she will have it easier now we have none of us much surplus strength for a large enterprise. Hope her loss was not very heavy.

We have had very pleasant weather for a week past. and now today and yesterday the wind

was been blowing the leaves
off the trees, so fast. they will
soon all be bare branches again
The summer has seemed short. and
we must expect cold weather before
long. We went to church yesterday
and heard a very interesting sermon
from Rev. Mr. Stoddard, a soninlaw
of Pres. Blanchard. Perhaps Jennie
has seen him. He was passing and
stopped in Hillsdale to spend the
Sabbath. Rev. A. K. Strong, son of Mr.
Strong of Clinton, has preached at the
Presbyterian church here for two or three
Sabbaths. Perhaps he may come and
settle with them. Do you take your forgetmenots
in for winter? or verbenas?

Write all of you as often as you
can. Much love to all.

Yours as ever,

E. E. B.

I thought Mr. Butler would write on this page, but he is busy and he says I can write it as well. In regard to the Centradore he says if you have help, you should pay by the page. That is the way newspapers and magazines do. About a dollar a page, certainly not to exceed two dollars. If you have to pay too much that way, it will embarrass and straiten you. Hope mother will not be too anxious and worried about it. Hope you will be directed aright in it all. As I wrote so lately before I will not add more now as I have some sewing to finish to-night. Good by all.

write soon if you can.

and the [illegible] like to have been there with
you [illegible]. Hope I may see them both some
time. Please give them my love and many
good wishes. It is now vacation, a short one,
with us, and very quiet, the students most all
gone. Last week, I think we had our
first snow, and had snow several times
a little, not more than about two inches
at once. But it is all gone. This morning
was our coldest yet, 15 above - but grows
milder through the day. We have
had a very pleasant fall. We are all
quite well - and pretty busy as usual -
Lizzie sends grandma baby's picture, and would
write but baby makes such demands
on her time. The picture was taken
when a year old, nearly a month [illegible]

he was had those spells before when overworking anyway. He has
plenty of work, [illegible]
an excellent [illegible]
chance [illegible]
[illegible] I hope [illegible]
[illegible]
most [illegible]
[illegible] think that I
am hoping to
finish before
washing tomorrow
love to all
yours as ever
write soon

we think it very good. [illegible] like her. I went down town Sat. afternoon to hear the colored singers. "The North Carolinians." It was quite interesting. It is quite a walk from here to the business part of the city, about as far as from our house, to Lisbon Street, in Lewiston. where Jennie got f-[illegible] Eddie's clothes. she will remember. Suppose you are in just your busiest time now. Should like to step in and help you sew, when you are ready. Did you receive the catalogue, Jennie? Mr. B. sent it last week. Frank was to have printed it, but just at the time his health failed, and he had to give it up. He had been working very hard and close to get some jobs done up, and about ~~six~~ weeks ago while working his press, which is really too hard for him, he was taken bleeding in the stomach. and so much that his strength was all ~~gone~~ and they had to carry him home. This laid him up for a week. [illegible] work again. though he bleeds some yet.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Hillsdale, Mich. Dec. 23. 1871.

Dear Friends at H

If I could just step in and see you all now, I should enjoy it so much. Hope you are all well and enjoying life as usual. I know you are very busy now at the end of the month. Perhaps you are all sewing to night. I should like to be able to help you. We were all interested in receiving Frank's wedding card. I suppose the bride was one of the family where we visited and took dinner with you, was she not? I remember them quite well. Will they go out to Kansas to live? or settle near you. Remember me kindly to them. I wish they could come and visit us. Hope you do not have as much snow

[illegible]

as last winter.

We have very little snow here. Not so much as north and south of us. We have all been well as usual so far. Hattie is obliged to study very closely. too much for her health. She is anxious to keep with her class. which will graduate next June. I hope her health will not fail her. Louie has as much as she can do to take care of baby and do her work. She seems to enjoy her little home. It is a great comfort for us to have her so near us. She has weaned baby. She is 14 months tomorrow. but does not walk yet. though I think she will walk before long.

John is quite busy with his classes. and seems

to succeed well. Mr. Butler's health is quite good for him, and he seems to enjoy his work as well as ever.

We feel anxious to hear from you. Hope none of you are sick.

Did you receive baby's picture which we sent a short time ago? Also Hattie sent an order for cards to J. E. Everett.

John and Hattie are singing Moody and Sankey's hymns to night. I think they are very pretty. It is wonderful what success they have had in their meetings. I should like to attend some of them. I suppose sister Mary is very busy in her work in New York. I shall try and write

to her soon. Give my love
to her when you write. also
to all our friends. It is
some time since I have heard
from John in Kansas. I shall
try and write to him soon.
I think I am rather
remiss in writing. which
should not be, as I love so much
to receive letters.

It is nearly bedtime
so I must close. Hope you
will write as soon as you
can. a little note is better
than nothing. Good night dear
and a thousand good wishes.
There is to be a Christmas tree in
our church. but ~~as~~ I fear I shall
not go, as I find it is best not to
go out much evenings. All send
love to all. Hoping to hear soon,
Yours as ever, [illegible]

Hillsville June 26. 1876

Dear Friends at Home,

I take the chance of writing a few lines in the other letter. We are anticipating much pleasure in visiting you all. If nothing prevents we hope to leave here the 10th of next month, by Washington and Philadelphia, and reach you about the last of July. I can hardly realize that I shall see you all so soon. Hope we shall all be well. Baby has had the measles but is well again now. but not so strong as usual.

They expect to leave here
for Lewiston day after tomorrow
They go through Canada, as it
is a cheaper route. So will
not be able to call on you.
I am sorry for that, and sorry
they are going at all, but
hope it will be all for the
best. We shall be very glad
to see you all - We shall
write to sister Mary tomorrow
or today. Perhaps she will
be able to come up with us
from New York. Good by
now each and all with
much love Yours as ever
E. C. B.

[illegible]

considering that [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

we [illegible] prepared [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]. I [illegible]

indeed glad [illegible]

when she was conscious and

could talk a little [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] pleasure [illegible]

[illegible] to

see us, but she [illegible] know

[illegible] I

think. I should indeed

be very glad to be with you

Friday morn. To day is a rainy day. Hope it may not be so with you. But however it is, as our dear Cynthia used to say, "It is all right." With her, we know, it is all right now and ever. We shall be anxious to know how you all are. But do not write when you ought to be resting.

L. E. B.

all there anyway, but that cannot be. I shall always be sorry that I could not [illegible] [illegible] dear father's [illegible].

So our circle of sisters is broken. But it does not seem sad. One after another we are gathering there.

I hope you will be able to rest, and cast all burdens on our best and wisest Friend. Please mention in your next did Cynthia pass away easy and peaceful. do you think she was conscious.

We are all in usual health. We are having pleasant ~~Fall~~ weather now.

There seems to be more sickness, as is usual in the Fall. It is near bed time and time to close. May the Lord comfort and bless you every one.

Yours in love Elizabeth

We feel anxious to hear again from mother, and how she gets along since the doctor has left. I suppose you have to take turns in caring for mother at night. I expect ~~[illegible]~~ will be gaining faster in walking than I do.

I think I continue about the same in walking. Hattie and I get along nicely with the work. and Mrs. Miller comes in to rub me every day. and do any other little things I may need.

Our term of school is drawing near its close, then a short vacation, after which one term more closes the year. and then the long vacation of twelve weeks, follows. Do you hear from Bro. John in Kansas. He has not written me yet. I fear he is sick.

interesting state of religious feeling in the college now. The meetings are very interesting. and a number are hopefully converted. I hope the interest may increase and many be brought to the Saviour.

[illegible] at Home

Hope you will write as often as you can. I must say good night. With love to all from all of us.

Yours as ever
E. E. B.

Hope you are all well as usual. So, poor little Carrie has broken her arm too. I am so sorry. She must be careful and get it well as soon as possible.

Thurs. eve. 15- You see I do not write much at once, and so my letter comes in snatches. We are still having delightful weather. The ground all bare. and the walking of course good, on the plank walks. I think I am able to get around better than when Sarah left. and I can do more sewing. I must tell you- I am trying a new physician. A botanic doctor- he says, ~~he says~~ the trouble is in my liver. which causes the coldness as well the lameness and he says as that trouble is removed I may hope to get better of my lameness. I hope it may be so surely & at least- I thought it best to try. I did not like to take strychnine so much. I began yesterday. and will write you when I begin to see any improvement. There is a very

[illegible], Mich.
Friday, Jan. 22, 18[illegible].

Dear Sister Annie and all.

Your kind letter came today, and the children [illegible] the paper with their signatures. The reading of these [illegible] in time, I think, much affected us [illegible] and always so kind and generous. I am glad something is provided for [illegible] [illegible] After that, [illegible] [illegible] as a [illegible] [illegible] for the kind [illegible]. It is a great comfort to think that [illegible] departed [illegible] [illegible] they could be here. [illegible] [illegible]

Presume you are taking the proper course with the business. Mr. Green is indeed kind, & we are happy you found th[e] cousin Ann. Please remember me to all the friends in Utica. Am glad to hear that cousin Alex. is better, and hope he may get recover entirely. I have often thought of visiting them, they have [illegible] been my friends [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Lewis at home [illegible]. Also remember me to Mr. Green, of course, as I remember him and others at Clinton with much interest. Give me the address of your uncle, also of Mr. Lewis.

Hope you are all well. Our term is commencing, and we are quite busy. We are all feeling well this Spring, and are enjoying our delightful weather. We received a letter from Lizzie to day. She is well, and [illegible] is [illegible]. Says she will come back with me "with her [illegible]".

With kind regards to you all,

Your Uncle, [illegible]

[illegible] Lake, Minn. Aug 31, 1878.

Dear Sister Annie and all,

It seems a good while since we have heard from you, and I will write a few lines with Hattie though we did not owe you a letter. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when we do not hear from you for some time.

Hattie [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that day a letter from Frank saying Lizzie was sick, very very sick! and unable to take any nourishment. She came near having [illegible] fever. But she is getting better, so that she was able to write us. Claire is well and was very good [illegible] [illegible] while she was sick. We shall want till [illegible] to see them. Our town [illegible] [illegible] with Commencement [illegible] June 2[illegible]. There [illegible] [illegible] to have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so many of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We want to visit you, New Hampton, Lancaster, Biddeford, Bro. Tuttle &c. I have made no journey since dear Mrs [illegible] death — have not felt as though I could, as she was always with me before. How can I go to the old places where she was so much without her? How strange it will seem to go to Battle Creek, and so many of the loved ones not there; yet it seems as though they are not far off. Sometimes it seems as though I could meet them once more. I am not unhappy. Our dear ones have gone to a land better than any here — they have done their work well, and are forever with the Lord. It remains for us to finish our mission, then it will be well with us. We want to see you all, and hope to have a good time with you. John and Jennie will probably go on with us — but we have no plans made. Nothing special in college. Some unpleasant cases of discipline. This month has been rather cold and [illegible]. Love to [illegible].

Write and [illegible] to you all, your Bro.

G. I. Butler.

Boston, July 11, 1878.

Dear Lester,

Received your letter and postal & wrote you this A.M. The passage is Rom. 16:2, though the word I see is "succoror". You will have to insert it if you you make a quotation. The word "helper" is rather smoother. They mean the same, and are both good. Take the one you prefer on the whole.

Truly Yours, J. J. Butler.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Everett,

Remsen, N.Y.

Oneida Co.

Hillsdale Mich

February 27, 187[illegible]

Dear Sisters Jennie and Mary,

For several weeks I have purposed to write you, but have been delayed in one way or another. You find me at times a poor correspondent. I ought to write you oftener and better, for your letters are always very kind and interesting. I have been rather busier of late than usual, as I am preparing for the Star a series of articles on the life and labors of Rev. H. Quimby, D.D., our pioneer educator. It makes me a good deal of correspondence and research, as he kept no diary or journal. Two of the articles have appeared, and they will be continued from week to week. I like the work, as he was one of my teachers,

whom I greatly esteemed. Our duties have been as usual this term and he has been moving pleasantly in college taking up his Latin course and then his class. Hattie has had some music, so we have not been quite busy. Term closes tomorrow with vacation of near three weeks. I would like an excursion to some place, Chicago or elsewhere, to break a little the monotony but it is not a good time to travel.

Hattie made a trip to Indiana a few weeks ago to visit some of her former schoolmates. She had a good time, but returned with a bad cold and was quite sick with what the doctor called the epizootic. She is now better, though somewhat troubled with a cough. We now have a good girl who does the housework, and it is much easier getting along. She does all, including the washing &c. for two dollars a week.

We have had a letter from Lucia, and one from Maggie. How odd it must seem for them at home to have but four, when the family used to be so large — Time indeed brings many changes. But a little while and we too shall have passed on, but as Prof. Cope said in prayer this morning we shall live ages on ages in the great hereafter. Have you read Longfellow's sweet poem, read at the memorial meeting for Bayard Taylor in Boston? It is in Harper for March.

We read a good deal evenings, in Motley, Dickens, &c. and are enjoying the time.

Hope you are well, of course very busy. Hattie sends to her aunt Mary a copy of her photo taken in Boston. She thought of writing with me, but was hindered, so will take some other time. All unite in much love,

Very Truly Yours,

J. J. Butler.

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], 188[illegible].

Dear Sister Jennie and all,

[illegible] letter [illegible] from [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] City two weeks ago. [illegible] she would [illegible] [illegible] there, and perhaps she has [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] a few times.

We have been in [illegible] City [illegible] [illegible] days. Brother is [illegible] enjoying [illegible] there [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and a large fire, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] more. They are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pretty, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] and engaged in Trade. [illegible]

city is a [illegible] one – over 20,000 and

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Trade is

[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – Twenty [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], than yours. Of course it [illegible]

[illegible] rather dull for me, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] excellent [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] pretty [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what. Sometimes

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] around [illegible],

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

them. It [illegible] here with us, and doubt not that he would have liked it here. The religious influences are excellent. We have 300 students at present. John's place [illegible] has not been filled. Many [illegible] sorry that he is not here. They intend [illegible] to increase the salaries. The [illegible] [illegible] $15,000 [illegible]

We had a wedding [illegible] east – a daughter of Prof. Dunn to Dr. [illegible], [illegible] of Iowa. We attended. There were [illegible] 100 guests [illegible] [illegible] graduations [illegible] good [illegible] [illegible] friends. [illegible] sounds odd to hear you [illegible] in the snow. We have had none [illegible] & no sleighing. [illegible] 26°. [illegible] most of the time, [illegible]

[illegible]dale, Mich
June 15, 1881

[illegible]

[illegible] you
to [illegible] your last letter, [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] home
[illegible] perfect [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of commence-
ment week, and [illegible] settling down
[illegible] The students [illegible]
[illegible] also
[illegible] has [illegible]
to attend the [illegible] England, thence to Norway and [illegible]
Prof. Cope left two weeks ago to study
in Germany. Prof. [illegible] has started for
California.

John has been [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Academy, [illegible]

[illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Latin and [illegible] the same as [illegible]. [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] and German. She is going to attend [illegible] School of Languages at Chautauqua [illegible], opening July 7. Their term will begin Aug. 23. We are pleased that they will have so good a situation, though sorry to lose them from us, leaving [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] continue [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I would like to send [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and so will continue my work [illegible] for the present.

[illegible] is not yet strong, but we hope [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] especially the little [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] you all now? [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] sister [illegible] is [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] vacant in the summer. [illegible] your
sister [illegible] is there, as usual [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. How I would like to be with you
again at the old home. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some time. [illegible]
[illegible] to see you all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
enjoy [illegible], I doubt not, and [illegible]
will arrange to come at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Eddie [illegible] in his [illegible]
[illegible] a new experience for [illegible]
[illegible] resume his studies again at [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] hear from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] she is too busy to write [illegible]
letters, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] generally [illegible]

[illegible] This [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] it is [illegible]

[illegible] Chautauqua [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], and enjoyed [illegible].

It is refreshing [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] be very interesting.

Weather is pretty cold, though the

eyes [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I will write [illegible]

Hope you will write often.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hillsdale, Nov. 10, 1881.

Dear Friends,

Our visitors all left two weeks ago, and are at home now. They were here 15 weeks, and we greatly enjoyed it. Hattie went 2d Inst. to Cincinnati and consulted Dr. Williams - an eminent oculist. He tells her there is no disease of the eyes - but one set of muscles is weaker than the others & she must use lenses to correct it. She feels much encouraged. Is now visiting in S. E. Ohio. Will stay till about Thanksgiving. I am well, though feeling very lonely. Hope Sarah is better, & you are all well. Please write often.

Miss Mead Sen. J. J. Butler

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Everett,

Remsen, N.Y.

Oneida Co.

Hillsboro, Jan. 16, 1882

Dear Sister,

Hattie wrote you about the time we received your card. We feel very anxious for Sarah. Hope she is better now. Thank you for informing us about her [?]. [illegible] she will [illegible] [illegible] first, and we will be [illegible] for her benefit [?]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] better [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] quite [illegible] with the teeth [illegible], and is better. The rest are [illegible]. Hattie and I are doing [illegible]. Pretty cold, but [illegible] snow. Write again soon.

With love

J. J. Butler

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ONE CENT

[illegible]

Roxbury, N.Y.

[illegible]

Hillsdale, Aug 4, 1889.

Dear Sister. Your postal received. Hattie writes that they are doing nicely. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and He goes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very pleasant home. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Ohio. Johnny [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. Has [illegible] Sabbaths more there, then will return to [illegible] [illegible]. Lizzie and the children are well and Bobby very quiet here. Do just as seems best to you all. Should be glad if [illegible] could be all together [illegible] our [illegible] Father [illegible].

With Best Regards,

[illegible]

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Remsen, N.Y.

Oneida Co.

I [illegible] you [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the weather
[illegible] but there has been
[illegible] The garden [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
The attraction of this will soon be
[illegible], and we shall have plenty of
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] We are all bright and
cheery. [illegible] have [illegible] entertain-
ment, which they [illegible] good deal.
They [illegible]

When we are all gone
it will [illegible] lonely. but we
will make the best of it. Hope you
are all well. Please write again.
With best Regards to you all,
[illegible] Butler.

Hillsdale, March 11, 1885 –

Dear Nephew, –

You will be anxious to hear of my arrival here so I write without waiting to feel very bright – I reached here about 1 p.m. yesterday and was met at the depot by Hattie and Holden with a carriage – they were quite disappointed not to meet Anna also – Hattie waited for her to get off and then exclaimed "where is aunt Anna?" for I had quite forgotten to speak of her. So it was at the house – all were hoping to see her – for she never has been here – I hope she will be able to come before very long – They received me very cordially and are making me welcome. Yesterday was a warm spring like day but it is colder now – They ask a good many questions about you and show that they greatly enjoyed

your visit – tho' it was so short –
I think you would like Holden
and enjoy studying with him.
I hope you will write often
and tell us some about your
college life and studies – I cannot
tell half what they want to know –
What society is yours? They do not
wear pins here – only badges on
public occasions –
It is mid-term time, you know,
so it is very quiet about the college
and this street – The snow still covers
all in front of the windows
but looking a little higher up on
the hill we see bare ground – We
came on wheels but I have seen
several cutters go past. About Toledo
there was scarcely any snow to be
seen – It is going fast – and I hope
the walks will be clear before long.
Hattie has asked me if I wish to
go down town with her after dinner
and they are setting the table
now – so I shall not have

long to write — I have a letter
ready to send to Mary — and I wrote to
Anna yesterday —

The little girls are very sweet and
affectionate — I can hear Anna's little
feet patting about the room now
Claire has been out coasting with
her sled — the crust is good and
has been for several mornings —
that is unusual here — The snow
has been three ft deep but is going
pretty fast now — The grocery man has
just stopped by the door I notice he
has a waggon — so I suppose there [illegible]
not be many more sleigh rides th[illegible]
season — Hattie is looking very [illegible]
— it is only one of her eyes that [illegible]
her the left — the other is all right —
Lizzie too looks healthier I think
than when I saw her seven years
ago next month —

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Hillsdale, Mich., [illegible] 187[illegible]

[illegible]

it as easy as I can at present. I am so glad mother is improving so much. Of course she will have to continue to be very careful and even after she gets up. Hope Anna is improving too. Hope I shall be better as it becomes warm again. I shall try and write more next time. I was very glad to see cousin Mary Ann's letter. Please write soon. Elisabeth

[illegible]

With kind regards to you [illegible]
Your [illegible] [illegible] Smith

[illegible] Park, Jan. 20/[illegible]

Dear Ones All,

Please excuse me for not writing oftener. I was so glad to get mother's letter, it must be quite an undertaking to write in bed as she has to. I think she is right about Maggie. I fear as my health is I should not be able to do justice by her. Hattie will be disappointed, and I too. but as it is I must make

Hillsdale College, Mich
October 15. 1875

Dear Sister Mary,

Enclosed find order for two dollars, pay of the book and a trifle for your trouble. Many thanks for your kindness. I saw the book mentioned in Oct. number of Harper's Magazine — as being derived from the Rabbins. Had a curiosity to see how they represented him. Find it about what might be expected from Jews possessing the same spirit as those who procured his crucifixion. It is throughout absurd and ridiculous, without a particle of authority. The book came a few days since, your letter yesterday. Sorry to trouble you so much.

I mean to visit cousin G. H. Butler, in the first of opportunity. I should like to see him and family on many accounts.

You must be mistaken I think about our writing you. Am quite sure I sent you a postal soon after our return. Perhaps Hattie has been delinquent, if so hope she will make amends, since I let her send [illegible] letter. Surely we could not think of neglecting you, or any of the dear family to whom we owe so much. We have been very sorry to hear of Lewis' last attack. Hope he is better now. He has been working, and will have to be more careful. We had a letter from Ransom not long since, and Hattie wrote them about the same time.

You [illegible] wrote about the Memoir. I think your plan a good one, if it is not too hard for you and her. Hope you will not allow it to involve you too much, pecuniarily or otherwise. I have had a stone put up at dear Elizabeth's grave. It is of white marble in the drapery, and is spoken of as the

most elegant and tasteful in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

We are all well at present. Hattie has been complaining some, but is now quite strong, frequently taking long walks.

I am also feeling nicely now. The weather is very mild, and the foliage truly delightful. We are now at the middle of the term, and things in college are moving pleasantly. Have a girl working for her board. She does well, and makes it much easier for Aggie and Hattie.

We hear from them at Lewiston often. Grandma B. continues with them and they are all doing well. A truly happy family.

Hope you are well & prospering. Of course you are very busy.

With kind regards of us all

Yours truly,

J. J. Butler

Please inform me when you receive this

51 Hancock St. Boston, Aug. 19.

Dear Sister. A letter from Hattie, Lizzie has a young son 17th, & is doing well. Hattie will be here Sat. & I have decided to wait and go back with her leaving here Mon. 26th. Will you wait till we come along? If so, inform me here and Hattie at Lewiston, Box 470 care F. Sands. Do not discommode yourself on our account. Please inform them at Rowse,

With kind regards, Yours Truly, T. T. Butler.

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Suppose [illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible] here. [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible] the path of duty and [illegible]
[illegible]. Make you [illegible]
[illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
But I think you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on
[illegible]. Hope you will be able to
arrange matters satisfactorily to you all,
so that you may all be satisfied, and none
[illegible] to regret the decision.
Anything I can do shall be cheerfully
rendered. I am under great obligations to you
all. Please write soon.

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

Hillsdale, Mich.

Aug. 16, 1884.

Dear Sister,

Yours of 12th was duly received. Lizzie was much interested in your letter with its description & illustrations. Claire was very glad to get Anna's letter and will answer it soon. Lizzie and the children are healthy here. They play in their front yard and garden, with their tennis court, flowers, arbor, trees, croquet &c. Other children come in a few times. Frank left for California Monday morning ~~for California~~, having been here two weeks. He wrote from Red Cloud, Neb. Wed. Is getting on well. Will soon reach Santa Barbara, where [illegible] a physician, and where a place is waiting for him in a store. Says, if he finds a ...

[illegible] there is [illegible] our arrangements for the next year. We wish to be as pleasantly situated as we can for the Fall and Winter. After that we know not what course it will be best to take. I may return to Hillsdale, I may be more in N.Y. Can tell better then. Glad you are so well. Hope Anna will continue to improve.

I will go with them. The new Law build-
ings are finished up town, about 70th St.
I believe; We shall want to be in
that vicinity. Dr. Butler's house is
on E. 66th St. I shall be considerably
acquainted in various parts of the city,
and think I shall enjoy a season there.

Holden & Hattie, Lizzie and the children
will go on here for the present. Would
it not be nice if we could be at
the same time in two or more places?

What will Jennie, Anna, & J. Eddie de-
cide on, and where spend the Fall and
Winter? How nice if they could all be
too in New York; how we should all
enjoy it. So J. Eddie is preaching. I have
long thought this would be his duty. Hope
he will get an education, and so do his
best. Probably expenses are as light
at Hillsdale as almost any where, and
advantages as good (Of course much depends on in-

Excuse this poor scribbling. Writing to so many this time

right he shall soon come on for his fam-
ily. We shall be sorry for them to
go so far, but if it is best for them, I
would not hinder.

Holden and Hattie went to Fitch-
burg Sat. & are spending the week
with the churches to which he preaches.
Blackberries are plenty there, so they
took cans to put up some. Holden
is doing well there - supplies two church-
es, and expects to keep it while his studies
in college. Next Sat. is Johny's
last at Mc[illegible]. He will stop a few days
at Chautauqua, then come to Bryan, O.
where Ezra is, spend a Sabbath there
then they will come here for our fam-
ily reunion for two or three weeks. Johny
has made inquiry, but no engagement of
rooms. We shall all consult together, and de-
cide what is best to do. He thinks we better
take furnished rooms, and keep house. I think

cumstances. Wish it was so we could all consult together. Want you all to write. Hope we shall do what is best all around. I should have been out to see you long before this, had our situation been different. Hope we shall get be together again somewhere. I like you all too well to think that our pleasant associations together are all in the past.

Now sister Mary, I will overlook past delinquency, and call our account square on one condition, viz. that it be kept square, that you no more get in my debt. Is not this generous? Thank you much for this good letter, which really pays for quite a number of mine.

Kind regards to sisters Jennie, Ann-ie, brother Edward and family, J. Edward, and all other relatives and friends, and want to hear from them all.

Write again soon, and write freely of every thing.

Good Bye.

J. J. Butler.

[illegible] 12. 1874

My dear Sister

We read your letter last night, the one you sent to Mr. Roberts. Will try to send her the package as soon as we have an opportunity. The roads have been very bad, so we do not often go to [illegible]. [illegible] went afoot one day this week to attend the funeral of Wm. [illegible] — he died quite suddenly after a few days sickness, [illegible] had [illegible] at first, but before he died, delirium tremens — he suffered great agony they say. A good many are sick in [illegible] — mostly young men. [illegible]

is not expected to live long
he has a tumor in the stomach
I believe. Geo. Pick has been
poorly for some time, but
I think is some better. Tom
Roberts, Medina, a very nice
man, living in Yerkes house,
is quite low with consumption.
There are two cases of typhoid
fever one in the village
and the other a son of Mrs.
Evans at Nutler's place. We
keep pretty well — Mr. S.
not quite so well as before
his sickness. I have not
rec'd the fur set — [illegible]
probably get to [illegible] & bring
it today. I am sorry to have
given you so much
trouble. Cannot write
more as G. is ready to
start. Love from All [illegible]

New Hampton, Nov. 15, 1850.

Dear Friends,

Your letter was received yesterday, conveying the sad intelligence of the death of our beloved brother, Robert. We were not prepared for this so sudden announcement. We feared some weeks ago, that his case would terminate as Br. Henry's was; but lately we were hoping that we should soon hear of his improvement. But it is ordered otherwise, and thus early he is removed from present prospects of usefulness to a higher sphere.

He was a brother whom we very highly prized. As you know he had long been very intimate in our family, and was greatly endeared [illegible] us. For myself I can say, I esteemed his friendship very highly. For the last ten years I was very much in his society, and always found him a pleasant and useful companion. He had those qualities of mind and heart, which fitted him for almost any sphere. I feel that in his

death I have sustained a very great loss. My dear companion will write for herself. Johny & Lizzie remember him well, & his uniform & marked kindness to them, & sensibly feel the stroke.

Had he been permitted to live and enjoy good health, we cannot doubt but he would have filled an important place of usefulness. And, though so much & long out of health, he has yet accomplished much. He has exemplified and adorned the Christian life, and exerted an influence for good on a wide circle of friends & acquaintances. We mourn for him as not without hope. Early, he is called to his reward.

We [illegible] at the prospect of Kansas, and indeed of our country. Dark clouds overshadow us. Yet the friends of truth [illegible] should not give up, but do all we can. The day of deliverance may yet come, and if not in our [illegible], it shall be clear if we do our duty. There [illegible] much to encourage us even in the midst of these reverses. May we not believe that truth is yet gaining ground in our lands & will still more? We are glad Br. Brown & family keep up so good courage. If the sufferers in Kansas are firm, they will have help.

Truly Yours

J. J. Butler.

New Hampton, Apr. 6, 1861.

Dear Friends,

As there are a few minutes before we send to the mail I will write a line. We have been hoping to visit you almost every year since we left, but have been prevented from various causes. And now that we purpose to go soon, I am sorry, that if permitted to visit you, it will be as an invalid, in quest of health, and so poorly prepared to make a visit agreeable to others.

My health has been poor through the Winter, and getting poorer most of the time, though I have attended most of my exercises of the School. I have

had a good deal of extra labor for a year or two past, and this with the confinement, &c, has been too much for me.

I am at times almost discouraged with regard to my health, but would cheerfully resign all to the hand of the all wise disposer.

Hope now to have the privilege of seeing you all in a few days, and that the journey may do me good.

With much love to all,
Yours Truly,
J. J. Butler.

We propose to start on Tuesday, the 10th and to reach your place on the afternoon of Wednesday.

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Rev. R. Everett, D.D.,
Remsen, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Rome, Italy, April 17, 1867.

Dear Friends,

I have been intending to write you for some time, but have been so busy that I have not been able to get the time. I little thought when I saw you last Fall that I should so soon be in Europe. In the early part of Winter my brother-in-law Mr Thompson decided to go, and I very hastily arranged to go with him.

We sailed from New York Feb. 21 in the Australasian and reached Liverpool in 11 1/2 days. Had a rough passage, stormy & squally most of the time, & a heavy cyclone or hurricane one night.

I did not suffer much from sea-sickness, being up and about after the first two days. The sea-voyage was not so hard for me as I expected. We had a pleasant passage along the coasts of Ireland & Wales. We landed at Liverpool at 10 in the evening, stopped there

but one day, so that I was not able to call on Rev. Mr Thomas, but hope to on our return; and also to visit our friends at Denbigh.

We went by the cars in one day from Liverpool to London. It was the day of the great eclipse of the Sun in Europe, March 6. We had a good view of it. We had a pretty good opportunity to see the country. The farmers were plowing, sowing, making their gardens &c. The country generally appeared quite pleasant. Numerous interesting objects all along.

We spent two weeks in London; We visited Dr. Burns, and attended his chapel. Also heard Mr Spurgeon at his Tabernacle twice, and were much pleased & interested. We also attended service in St. Paul's & Westminster Abbey, and other places. Visited those churches & their crypts chapels, & monuments, the houses of Parliament, Tower

of London, Thames Tunnel, the Zoological Gardens, British Museum, Gallery of Wax Figures, &c. I cannot name, much less describe the almost numberless objects of interest.

Our journey from London to Paris occupied 16 hours. The weather being damp & the Exhibition in a very backward state we remained in Paris but four days, visiting the Church of Notre Dame, and several others, the Palace of the Tuilleries & Louvre, rode around the Parks, the Exposition grounds, &c. We expect to return to Paris & spend two or three weeks there.

From Paris we went by Rail Road to Marseilles on the Mediterranean. There we found the trees all in bloom as in the last of May at home, though the last of March. Along the way we saw the vineyards in abundance, in many places the hills being terraced & planted to the top. Also many groves of mulberry, olives, almonds, figs, oranges, lemons, palm trees,

and others reminding us of many passages of Scripture. One day by permission, we went into an orange grove, & picked and ate all the oranges we wanted. The orange & lemon trees are loaded with fruit.

From Marseilles we came to Nice, from Nice to Genoa in a carriage on the Corniche Road over the Maratime Alps, taking three days. The ride over the mountains was quite grand. The Mountains are along the sea coast, the road winding around spirally, and affording many fine views. From Genoa we came to Parma, then to Florence, & then to Rome: In all these places we visited Palaces, Churches, Galleries of Art, Villas &c.

We have been here in Rome 8 days. It is now what is called "holy week." Last Sabbath was Palm Sunday, & the next is Easter. We attend a part of the times Saw the Pope carried in Procession.

We have spent much time among the classical antiquities here, the old Roman Forum, Palace of the Caesars, Coliseum, Pantheon, columns, arches, walls, &c. Also in visiting St. Peter's & other churches, galleries of paintings and statuary, villas, public gardens, parks, &c. We have of course been very busy & enjoyed it as we expected.

My health is good, much better than when I left home. I am quite strong now, & bear the journey well. Mr Thompson's health is also much better. Henry & Marilla are also well.

I feel the loss of home & home friends very much. Wish they & you could be here with me. I feel very grateful for the opportunity, & trust it will be a benefit to me. Next week we expect to go to Naples for two weeks, then return by way of Florence, Venice, Geneva, &c to Paris; then to England & Scotland. We are not yet able to tell what other places we shall try

to visit; or when return to America
Perhaps I shall go back in July or
August. Do not know as you can read
this, the paper is so thin. I will write
you again when we get to Paris. I want
to hear from you all. I have had but one
letter from home or any one in America since I left, received in
London, Mar. 20. It is doubtless the fault
of the mails. I am very anxious to hear
Please write me soon, as I want
to hear from you, and write any thing
you have heard recently from New
Hampton. Direct your letter to
me, "care of Hotel Wagram, 208
Rue Rivoli, Paris, France."

Hope you will go to New Hampton
& visit them as we talked. Trust I
shall have the privilege of telling you
some about my tour. Hope Father
& Mother & you all are well. Remem-
ber me to all our friends there. Do not
fail to write me soon. Rey. for me.

Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler.

P.D.
Rev. R. Everett, D.D.,
Remsen, N.Y.
U.S.A.

GRAND HÔTEL BELLE-VUE

BAVENO

Lac Majeur.

Baveno, June 10, 1867.

I enclose an envelope such as Elizabeth was in writing to Mr. Pat[?]. Better in a sealed envelope directed to me, & put a copy of this inside & then I think it will reach me wherever I may be. Hope you will write soon. Remember me kindly to Lewis & family, & all my friends. J. M. B.

My Dear Friends, Your kind letter of May 8. reached me two days ago, having been forwarded from Paris. We are now visiting the lakes in Northern Italy, lying partly in Italy and partly in Switzerland. We came to Lake Como a week to day, where we remained till Friday, then came to Lake Lugano, & Saturday afternoon here. In a day or two we expect to start on our way, across the Simplon, on our way to Geneva. My health continues to improve, and is now quite good. I am sorry to say that Mr. Thompson, though better than when he left home, is not yet well. By advice of his physician he left us a week ago, & went to the sulphur baths at Aix in Savoy, where he will remain some weeks. The rest of our party are well. We have a courier, a native of Rome, who speaks several languages, and is a very pleasant and capable man, so we get along quite well. We have had but one letter from Mr. T. written soon after he reached Aix. Since I wrote you before we spent another week in Rome, and visited Naples, Pompeii, Mt. Vesuvius, Florence, Venice, Milan, and other places of less note. Easter Sunday was a great time with the Catholics at Rome

I forgot that I have none of these envelopes, but I send you an old one that you can copy.

The Pope was carried in procession, kneeled and adored the sacred relics, from the balcony pronounced his benediction on the multitude, probably 100,000 persons. About 5000 of the military were present in uniform. At the end of the benediction there was a great clapping of hands, waving of handkerchiefs, firing of cannon and ringing of bells. In the evening St. Peter's was illuminated with about 5000 lights, and the next evening a grand display of fireworks. We find the Sabbath but little regarded in Italy except as a holiday. The Sabbath we were in Milan was celebrated as the Anniversary of Italian unity, like our 4th of July in America. There was a great military review, and procession through the streets with music, infantry, cavalry, & artillery, flags flying from nearly every house, & music & illuminations in the evening. I found an English church, where we had a very good service & sermon. I find an English or Scotch church frequently, both, in nearly all places where we stop, and often hear excellent evangelical discourses. It is also encouraging to learn, that a strong evangelical movement is going on among the Catholics. Ministers are coming forward to teach a pure Gospel, & expose the corruptions of Popery. In Naples, Florence, Venice, Milan & other places a good work is going on. Many are becoming tired & disgusted with Popery, and it is to be hoped the true faith will soon take its place.

I have written some letters for the Star, about the places I have seen, which you may see, and so will not repeat. I am sorry I am not able to give more interesting accounts; but we are so busy usually in seeing what we can, that I have but little

We saw King Victor Emanuel at Florence, the day of our visit to him & he returned the compliment. We also saw his eldest son Prince Umberto at Milan.

time or animation left for writing.

In answer to Cynthia's inquiries, I would say, I see fewer oddities in the costumes and ways of the people than I expected. Scarcely more than we should notice in travelling through New York or New England. In the cities generally the streets are narrower; in some, especially Naples, the goods are exposed more in the street; indeed the people every where live more in the open air. Fewer horses & more donkeys. Scarcely any sidewalks, and the people walk in the middle of the streets. Pictures of the Madonna, crosses & statues at almost every corner; also shrines & chapels to Mary. In the Catholic churches much ceremony & mummery; no sermons, and I fear but little true worship. All over the country things seem backward, behind the age. Few manufactories, very little machinery, every thing done by hand. All sawing, spinning, weaving by hand, plows & scythes very clumsy. No reaping or mowing machines. Women work in the fields with the men, cutting up the ground with large hoes in many places, instead of plowing, working in the hot sun bareheaded. Most of the lower classes go bareheaded everywhere. In Paris the women in the street wear nice white caps. I am not much disappointed in the appearance of things. A great improvement is manifestly going on. The English language is spoken more than I supposed. I find very little trouble on that score. Sometimes in the hotels funny mistakes are made. One day, I got out my razor &c. & called for hot water, & the waiter sent me up a barber with a whole box of shaving implements. Another time Alonzo called for a tea plate; & they brought a pot of tea, another of hot water, milk, & sugar. We ride some by cars, some by boat, some in carriage. There are three classes of cars, each compartment holds but 8, & before starting we are locked in. We are to cross the

We saw King Victor Emmanuel at Florence; took off our hats to him & he returned the compliment. We also saw his eldest son, Prince Humbert at Milan.

Simplon mountain pass with a Vittruino, a comfortable four horse carriage, making easy journeys and stopping nights. The Diligence or public stage-coach is not so convenient or safe and travels all night.

I am glad to hear so favorably of Father & Mother, & that you are all doing so well. Hope Anna & Sarah Langworthy will go to New Hampton, & recruit. Elizabeth & the children will enjoy the visit with them so much. Wish others of you could also go. Trust you will before long. We cannot yet tell where we shall go or when return. Our present plan is to go through Switzerland, then Germany, Netherlands, Belgium to Paris about the middle of August, then to England, &c & start for home sometime in October. But we may change it. Should the Ed. Soc. need me in the School I may return sooner; if not we may yet go to Palestine should Mr. Thompson's health improve. I shall know better about it soon. At first our letters were detained in London by mistake. Since them we receive them quite regularly. By way of Paris I received a letter from uncle Nathl. Roberts of Rose, asking me to visit them. I have written him in reply. I shall surely visit them with great pleasure, if I can. How I wish some of you could go with me to see them. Cynthia, you have corresponded with them so much, you ought to go with me, and if you and Jennie or Mary will meet me in Liverpool, I will surely go with you. Can't some of you come out this Summer, & so visit Wales with me, & then accompany me home? I know you would enjoy it if you could. And I wish Elizabeth could go with you. I should be willing & glad if she could. But perhaps it is too late. It may be that we can go some other time. How much better I should have enjoyed this journey if some of our family had been with me. Still it has been very pleasant, & useful to me. With much love to all.

Please do not write to Elizabeth this. It would trouble her, as she could not go now.

Yours Truly, J. J. Butler

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Rev. R. [illegible]ett D.D.,
Princeton N.J.
U.S.A.

Rosa, Oct. 2, 1867.

Dear Friends,

Knowing you would like to hear from the old place here, I will write you a few lines. I came to Denbigh last Friday, and stopped first with Mrs. Williams; found her and daughter well. They had vacation in their school for a few days, and I have had a very pleasant visit with them. From their garden we have as you know a fine view of the vale of Clwyd, one of the prettiest landscapes I have seen anywhere. I went through the extensive ruins of the old Denbigh castle, have seen also the Lunatic Asylum, quite a good building having about 300 inmates; also the Howell School; and with the Mrs. or Miss Williams I have had some nice walks about Denbigh, through the fields and pastures. Last Sabbath in the morning we attended the English service in the old church near the castle; in the evening at the Welsh chapel where father Everett used to preach — at least the chapel is on the same spot, & occupied

by the same church and Society. They have quite a
good congregation. They are without a pastor now
but are supplied by Rev. Mr. Roberts, brother of
Rev. Samuel Roberts who has been in America. At the close
by request I made a few remarks to the people.
Your mother is quite well remembered here. The
meeting passed a vote of kind regards to the
Everetts, their former pastor, and requested me
to communicate it to you. Several of them gath-
ered around me. An old lady, Mrs. [illegible] told
me that when father Everett left Denbigh to
go to America she [illegible] meal(?) [illegible]
to [illegible]. Also that Mrs. [illegible]'s father used to
give a penny a week to [illegible] daughter [illegible]
she [illegible] to [illegible] Elizabeth Everett, who
was then about one year old. An old man
on crutches, Mr. Griffiths told me to tell
Mr. Everett that Robert [illegible] was there
yet, and [illegible] on the [illegible] which you
and he have [illegible] together is there still
the same. Yesterday afternoon we came
to Rhosa(?). Mr. Roberts, his son and daughters are
well and wish to send kind regards to you all.
This house & place are very interesting to me
as being the birth place of Mrs. Butler(?), and also
of mother Everett. They [illegible] showed me
about the house, and over the [illegible]. They have
a good farm under excellent cultivation. But [illegible]
to pay higher rent, or three or four times as much annually
as a good farm would cost in America. The young

[illegible], Thomas [illegible] is very desirous of going
to America and may yet induce [illegible]
to go with [illegible], [illegible] to
[illegible]
to the [illegible] daughter is already
[illegible] I saw them [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] there [illegible] I ex-
pected to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I wrote you [illegible]
[illegible] Austria, Prussia, Ger-
through [illegible] to Paris,
many, Holland, [illegible], visiting the great
[illegible] spent [illegible]
[illegible], the [illegible], picture galleries, [illegible]
[illegible] party will not start for home until
[illegible] to wait [illegible]
the [illegible] of Nov. [illegible]
[illegible], I have engaged passage in the steamer
[illegible], to leave from Liverpool Oct. 12, and hope
[illegible] the [illegible]
to be at home before [illegible]
My health is pretty good, though weary with
my journey. I feel [illegible] stronger and better
[illegible] I shall be glad
than when I left home.
to be back again [illegible]
[illegible] Wish you were here
[illegible]
[illegible] New Hampshire, [illegible] to see them [illegible]
on my return. I shall want to see you all,

and shall expect a visit from you soon after my return. The Exposition at Paris is large & well attended, quite a world in miniature; but you have often heard it described. I liked it very much. Mr. Richardson's health is better, but not yet restored. The others of our party are pretty well. They are yet in Paris. I left there Thursday, and had a fine passage across the channel, spent a night in London, & next day came through Oxford, Rugby, Manchester, Chester, Rhyl, to Denbigh at 8 1/2 in the evening. I have visited Mr & Mrs. Ellis, formerly Roberts, in Denbigh, & expect to see our friends living in Rhyl, Mold, New Market, &c. shall see as many of them as I can. I receive letters from home quite regularly, and am glad to learn they are getting along so nicely. Hope you are all well. Thurs. May 23. This is Thanksgiving day in the families, and they are to hold meetings in all the Dissenting Chapels. I shall attend with Mr. Roberts this afternoon. The weather is becoming pretty cold with frequent changes. I shall leave here next week and Jul 12th try again the perils of the great deep—committing myself to Him who rules alike on the land and on the sea, saying with the apostle, "The will of the Lord be done." He has been very good to us all, and may we all continue to enjoy his blessing. With kind regards to you all, I remain

Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler

Lewiston, Me. Aug. 1, 1873.

Dear Friends,

We have so far completed our arrangements, as to fix the day we intend to leave here, viz. Wed. 13th of this month. We propose to visit our friends at Biddeford and Boston; and hope to reach Utica early in the morning of Wed. the 20th and go up to Remsen by the forenoon train. Of course we cannot be sure, but this is our plan. We shall be glad to have a few days with you, then proceed by Niagara Falls, and get to Hillsdale before the close of the month.

We are very busy packing and getting ready. But we are taking

it as easy as we can. We hope to send our freight through without change of cars. They have engaged a house for us near the College, to be ready Sept. 1st. The term will commence Sept. 3. Hillsdale is 50 miles West of Toledo on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road. It has a population of about 5000, and is said to be a pleasant place. The College has near 800 students in all, but the Theol. Dep. in which I am to teach has about as many as at Bates, or Whitestown. I feel as though it would be pleasant for me to continue in the work a while longer, as my health is now pretty good. Hope you are all well. Mrs. B. and the children are very busy, so you will excuse them from writing now. With much love to all. Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler

HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Hillsdale, Mich., [illegible] 18 187 5

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] go on in the [illegible]

[illegible] Elizabeth [illegible]

the back door, and take the right [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]. The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] me. One [illegible] she could not sleep

much. The second night she [illegible]

that made her sleep. [illegible]

[illegible]

Hillsdale, Friday P.M. Aug. 18, 1876.

Dear Friends, We reached home this afternoon, all well, though tired, with no mishap on the way. We did not take the sleeping car. The night was cool and pleasant. Johny met us at the depot, well and happy to ~~see~~ see us. We have just had dinner.

How are you all? Wish we could hear that Cynthia is better. We feel deeply for you all, but hope you will be sustained. Write soon and often. We all send love to you all.

Truly Yours, J. J. Butler.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Everett,

Remsen, N.Y.

Hillsdale, Mich. Sept. 22/70

Dear Friends,

Both of your last letters came yesterday afternoon, telling us that dear [illegible] has passed on to the better land and you are in deep affliction. May He who has sustained you in the past still be with you, as He will. We all valued her and loved her much, her sweet, gentle spirit, so earnest, conscientious, and helpful. Her life, though brief, and [illegible] was very useful. She has done what she could, and has gone to join the loved ones on the farther shore. We cannot wish to detain her here: to depart and be with Christ is better for her. We are thankful that we were permitted to be with her and you for a season in this sore trial.

There is considerable sickness here at present. One of the students, daughter of a minister, living in the next house but one from us is very sick, & this morning she is worse, and it is feared will not recover. Her father is in Penn, they sent for him two or three days ago. She was taken violently about a week ago with dysintery and typhoid fever. How little is there in this world upon which we can depend.

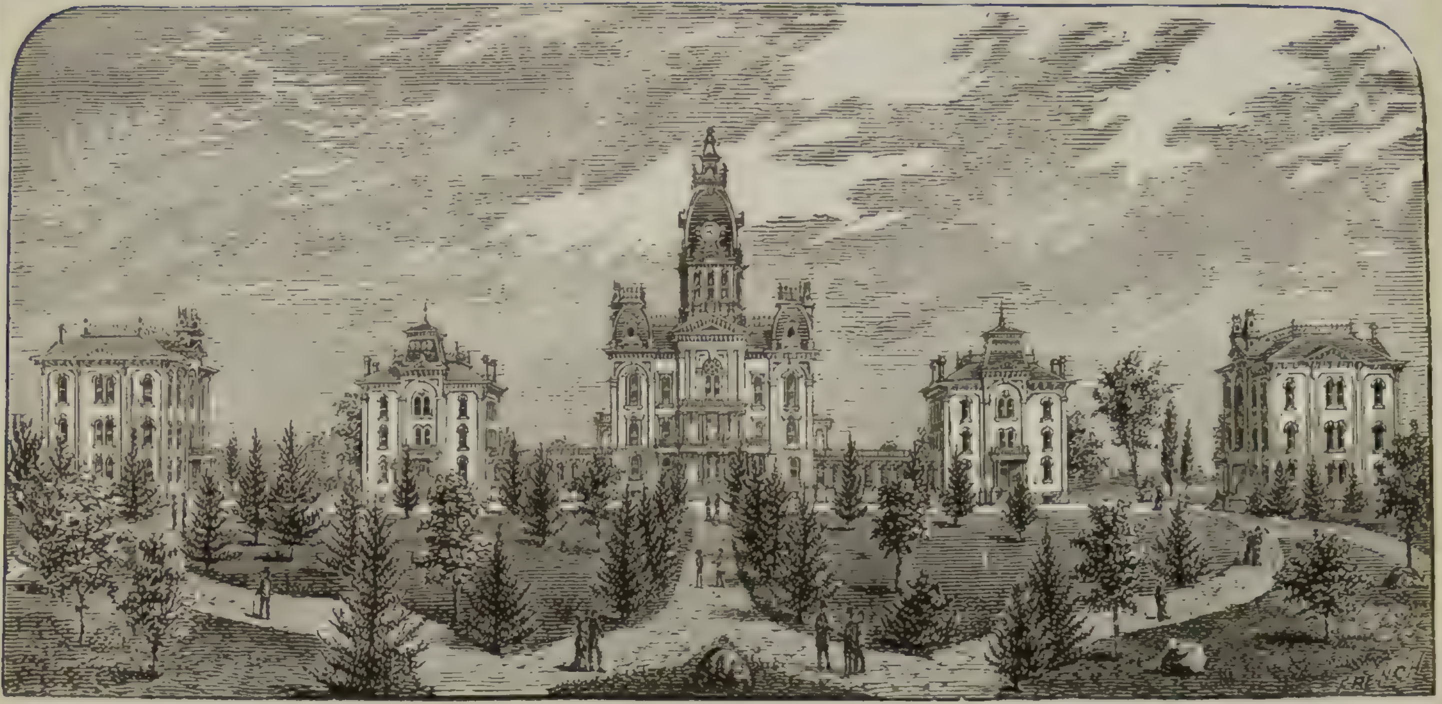
We are all well as usual. John and I have our classes as last year. There are about 200 students here.

I hope you will write again soon, and we will also write.

Best regards to you all.

Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler.



HILLSDALE COLLEGE,

Hillsdale, Mich., Jan 5 [illegible] 1877

Dear Friends

I have this morning received [illegible] a letter from [illegible] Lucinda, and was very glad to learn that mother seems to be getting along so well. She must have a good deal of natural hope. Hope she is over the worst of it. [illegible] glad to hear that Anna is better [illegible] so well. You must have had a pretty hard winter so far. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] together. We wish we could report more [illegible] than we can. [illegible] [illegible] be about the same, we realize she is not getting worse. [illegible] seems to do her the most good. We hope

that if she can get through the winter without being worse she may be better when warm weather comes on. Hattie's health is not very good. She takes cold very easily, and is troubled with neuralgia, &c. William has had a pretty hard time with asthma, but the last week or two he seems better, and gaining. If we could get through the winter favorably we think we would be better in the Spring. We and Sarah want to do what will be for the best to those we have, we are anxious to have them where they can have the benefit of the climate. It is very pleasant for us to have them here, and if it will be best for them we should like to have them stay at least one year. [illegible] is in the [illegible] providential.

We are grateful that you write so often, as your letters do us all much good.

With kind regards to yourself.

Yours Truly

J. J. Butler

[illegible] June 5. 1877

Dear Brother and Wife,

We were glad to receive your letter, and to learn that you were getting along so well. It has been a long and severe illness to you, but we hope you have got over the worst of it, and will now be improving more and more rapidly. [illegible] would be glad to answer your excellent letter, but does not feel able to write. We wish we could give you a more favorable report of her case than we can. She does not get any better, but becomes more feeble every week and almost every day. She has failed more rapidly the last two weeks than before.

We have had some of the best [illegible]-

[illegible] of the city at different schools
[illegible] you and attend them, but neither
of them holds out much encouragement.
We have tried to be as far as favorable
[illegible] but sometimes we are almost dis-
couraged. She suffers a great deal from
the coldness and stricture about the
body, [illegible] and numbness.
She still has appetite, and her food
does not seem to distress her. Still later
in the [illegible] will be [illegible],
but now she is restless and complains
a good deal asleep and awake. We
all do all that we can for her and
are [illegible]. Of course it is hard
very hard to see her so feeble, helpless,
and [illegible].

The rest of us are well. We have
a good girl who is a great help. Agnes,
John's wife is also an excellent help,
and each of us do what we can.

You will all want to know how she is, and as I have been thus more particular, I have written Annie to-day and described her condition as well as I could. We wish it were so that she could be here with us in this time of trial, but knowing how her affairs are we cannot ask her to come. We should be very glad to have any of you with us, but knowing your circumstances we must be submissive. We feel that there is but One who can help her, and to Him we would commit her and ourselves.

We know we have the deep sympathies of you all, and we will continue to do the best we can, and still cling to Him. Write often and we will do the same.

Yours Truly,

J. J. Butler.

[illegible], July 25, 1877.

Dear Mother and all,

We were very glad to get your letter and sister Anna's. Letters from the old home are always welcome, and especially now. You were very kind to write ~~to~~ such a good long letter, almost too much I fear for your strength. We are very glad you are getting along so well after your deep afflictions, [illegible] upon [illegible]. I know how to sympathize with you as I could not so fully before. I know we ought to go to Him who orders all. He has taken our loved ones to him-self where they are better off than they could be here. And but for a little while. They cannot return to us, but we shall go to them, and to the Saviour.

Aria went to her mother's in Ohio two weeks ago, and Johny went to join them yesterday So Hattie and I have a pretty lonely time. They will return we hope in two weeks. We are having it quite hot here. It was about this time last year we made you our last visit. We were always glad we took the journey. Elizabeth enjoyed it all very much. She often spoke of it afterwards. She thought so much of you all. I am glad we visited at the old home so many times, and that we had so many pleasant weeks together.

Hope you are all well. Has Jennie returned, and did she have a pleasant trip? How is Mary? We have not heard from her for a good while. Does she remain there through the Summer? We have had anxiety about these Rail Road riots

especially in the large cities. All is quiet here, but no freight trains run, and but part of the passenger trains. We hope the matter will soon be settled.

Have you heard lately from the friends in Wales? I have felt anxious for Aunt Williams and Lizzie, since I heard of their poor health. Wish they would take a rest and come over here. They need a change. They were very kind to me when I was there, and Uncle Nathaniel and all the friends. I wish Elizabeth could have visited them with me.

We think much of you all. You can feel for us, and we for you. My friends at the East wanted me to go out there and spend the vacation, but I preferred to stay here. I go up often to the Cemetery, now so much more sacred to me than ever before, and love to linger there. Write often. Yours Truly, J. J. Butler.

Hillsdale, August 1, 18[illegible]

Dear Friend [illegible],

I am glad of the oppor-
tunity of writing you. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
and a [illegible]
[illegible]
Hillsdale College [illegible]
We enjoyed the meeting very much. [illegible]
many as [illegible] in attendance. The
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Experiment [illegible]
Letters [illegible] the school [illegible]
[illegible] Several hundred [illegible]
[illegible] thousand [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

go last, and think it a great effort to
get there, to visit our aunt Lorinda, Lizzie
and their friends. Lizzie writes that they
are doing well, our aunt is rather weak
and [illegible], but I want to see them.

Our term will commence Sept. 2 Pro-
bably yours. How are you all at home? I so
often think and speak of you. Hope you
are well. Next time I go East I mean to
have a good long visit at the dear old home.
How many sacred associations cluster about it
and the loved ones gone, and those still re-
maining. Suppose you have learned of the death
of your uncle Nathan Roberts in July. How fast
one after another is passing away. Glad
you are doing so well with the farming. The winter
I prepared [illegible] anything
I could write. Will write you again soon. Remem-
ber often. With kind Regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

J. J. Butrick

Hillsdale Michigan.
August 22nd, 1877

Dear Aunt Jennie:-

I have been meaning to write to you for a long time but one thing after another has kept me busy. [illegible] has two photographs of little Ernest and wanted me to send you one, so here it is. Isn't he a splendid boy? I want to keep the [illegible] [illegible], and I think I will begin my long [illegible] as I intend now to go back next week. I have only decided since last night

as she is quite an invalid. [illegible]
Uncle William, from Boston, is
coming [illegible] and I shall go back
with him. I can't tell you what
day we shall start. I wish I
could stop and see you on my
way, but I suppose he would
not wish to spend time to
go to Lowell with me. I shall
certainly visit you on my way
back. I presume we shall not
go by the way of New York City.
It is possible I may change
my mind yet, but I expect now
to go. Aunt Louisa offers
to pay my expenses, so it is
a rare chance for me, as I
should not otherwise feel able
to go again so soon. I shall
probably stay until near Thanks-

[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] 2. 18[illegible]

Dear Sister

[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible], but [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
of your time now, or do you [illegible]
[illegible] much for [illegible]?
[illegible] you enjoy your [illegible],
and hope [illegible]
sustained

Glad to learn that [illegible] is
doing so well with his studies. It
would have been very pleasant to
have him with us, and we felt quite
disappointed in the issue; but

you must come, and we can do but [illegible] There is [illegible] not expect. Our term is [illegible] — more than 300 students, [illegible] and all things moving [illegible]. Kitty [illegible] you [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] Thanks [illegible] and [illegible] with John and [illegible]. [illegible] had a [illegible], and [illegible] than [illegible] [illegible] is doing a good [illegible], and [illegible] it better than teaching. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I think [illegible] them in [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] thing in the [illegible] not yet [illegible].

Their [illegible] affectionate [illegible]
[illegible] and Frank's [illegible]. But [illegible]
[illegible] with the [illegible]
[illegible] in the approaching [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] can do in the [illegible]
so well. They had a pleasant [illegible]
[illegible], with lots of nice presents.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Hattie's eyes still [illegible]
her. An oculist at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] them, [illegible]
tion, but congestion of the retina, and
that she needs treatment for her gen-
eral health. He gave her some
powders to take. She continues her
[illegible], but tries to be careful about
reading or writing much.

My health continues good, and
[illegible] classes as well as ever

It [illegible] not [illegible] feel as though I
[illegible] to [illegible] little [illegible]
[illegible] weather we had a great deal
of [illegible] cloudy weather, which is rather
depressing. But yesterday [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] though [illegible]
[illegible] many [illegible], and
[illegible] yet.

With regards to [illegible] Draper [illegible]
[illegible] through a great
amount of study, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] regards to
you & [illegible]. Please write again.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Butler.

[illegible], Mich
July 5th 1881

Dear Sister,

Your postal of 3rd [illegible]

[illegible] this afternoon. We are all

very sorry to hear of the illness of

Br. Lewis, and deeply sympathize with

you all. Hope he may now be better

We wish to be remembered to him

and family in this hour of their trial.

Truly this is a dark day for our whole

land. To think that our excellent and

beloved President should be [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] by the hand

of an assassin! May the Lord pity and

have mercy upon us. What the result

will prove no one can foresee. We pray

that the worst may be averted.

Sadness and gloom have settled down

[illegible] the community. It seems like a deep

[illegible] grief that makes our hearts faint. Just now also comes your great anxiety for brother Lewis. Yet I trust you will be sustained. May he be spared to his family and to [illegible]. [illegible] you will carry [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] water [illegible] health and strength [illegible] to you. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] on the [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] privilege to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] others.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] other friends [illegible] [illegible], the last of this month to go to Chautauqua to attend the School of Language, [illegible] thence to the Mexico Road [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there till the [illegible] of this month, then to Chautauqua [illegible] the academy to open Aug. 23.

We are now expecting Lizzie and the children here about the middle of July. They will come if she is able to make the journey. We hope they will stay with us through the summer and fall. It will be very pleasant for Mother and I to have them here. Wish you could be with us too. Can you not come some time while they are here? We should all enjoy it so much. Hattie is gone with a party to Buntucia L. I. Her eyes are too weak to write now, but [illegible] be cured as [illegible]. If she can improve her general health, then she will be all right.

We are having a very quiet, pleasant time on many accounts. Our house is fine, our garden yields an abundance of nice fruit & vegetables. John feels well that he is to have [illegible]

good position for teaching once again; and I am still able to finish my work in College. Besides I hope to enjoy so much with Lizzie and the little ones, knowing it will be there ~~so~~ good to be there among the [illegible]. The people and friends there are very kind to us.

Shall hope to hear from you again soon, and more at length. We always are glad to get one of your [illegible] letters from home.

We all send kind regards to each one of you. We have much to make us feel that we are in a world of trial and sorrow, yet there are bright spots in it there. Let us make the most of them and be prepared for the better life above.

Ever truly yours

J. A. [illegible]

Hillsdale Mich.
Feb. 6, 1882.

Dear Sister,

Your card was received this morning. We feel for you in your deep anxiety and affliction. How hard to see our dear ones, so long with us, fading away, and taken from us. It is so little we can do for them, and nothing to detain them with us.

We often think and speak of you. Last evening Hattie and I were conversing about the visit of Eddy, Sarah, and Anna to New Hampton in the Fall of 1867 while I was in Europe. They selected a hymn with which to greet me when I should return "from a foreign shore," and Sarah composed one to be sung at the same time. The evening I came both were sung.

We should be very grateful to be

with you now, if it were practicable.
But you have our earnest sympathies.
Hattie and I are now alone, and are getting along very well. The winter has been very mild. We have no snow, the roads are hard and smooth. It does not seem at all like winter, these bright, lovely days. Have you snow? We have heard of storms at the east, but they have not reached us.
We hear from John & Azia often. They are having a pleasant school, which they enjoy — also the people. They have an excellent boarding place near the Academy. Their number of students is greater than that of last year.
Lizzie writes frequently — also Claire. Little Anna is a "beautiful child, so cheerful and happy. Lewiston has improved very much. Now the horse cars run on the principal streets.

One passes the house when they leave every 15 minutes.

Things are moving in College as usual. The number of students is constantly increasing, being larger this year than ever before. One of our Theol. students, an excellent and beloved man, died recently — Mr. H. L. Newton. He is much lamented. He was supplying a neighboring church, who were greatly attached to him.

We pray that you may have sustaining grace in this time of sorrow. There is an arm upon which we may lean that will never fail us, and there is a land not far off where sickness, pain, and separation will never enter. May He keep your hearts.

With kind Regards

J. D. Butler

Hillsdale Mich.
Feb. 27, 1882

Dear Sisters,

We have had no tidings from you since Sister's card and John wrote that the interment [illegible]. [illegible] very glad we was able to be there and to see you. It would have been a source of satisfaction to us if we also could have been with you. But it could not well be [illegible]. We want to hear from you, and hope you will write soon. You will miss dear Sarah so much [illegible] you have been so constantly together. [Trust] you will have grace to commit all to Him who ever doeth [illegible] good.

Had a postal from John this morning and a letter [illegible]. They [illegible] there this week, with [illegible] of [illegible]. They seem to have a good [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] them about. They are [illegible] spirits [illegible].

[illegible] a letter from [illegible].
[illegible] water is [illegible] which come pretty [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] Clara helps her mother a good deal, [illegible] is taking music lessons. She writes [illegible] letters. We greatly enjoyed their visit with us last Summer.

The winter [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] visiting during the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the time
[illegible] There was a [illegible] [illegible]
our [illegible] of Mrs. [illegible], only [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] She was an [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] her husband & three little
children [illegible] [illegible] loss will be much felt
not only in the family, but [illegible] [illegible]
circle of friends.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
many of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible] all soon be disposed of.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is doing [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may not [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Now, dear sisters, [illegible] [illegible]
going on [illegible] We have often [illegible]
and spoken of you. Often [illegible] your [illegible]—

[illegible] confinement, [illegible] you must need a change. Could you not come and make us a good long visit? We should enjoy it. It might be a restora-tive change to you, and I know that it would do us [illegible] good. [illegible] often feel lonely. We all seem to sympathize with each other. So many of the loved ones are far away, so many passed on to the other shore. Yet we know that [illegible] departed for you [illegible] not lost, and [illegible] still remains for us here. Shall we not make the best of what we have and of the time and opportunities, that still remain?

We [illegible] you and [illegible] come, and trust we [illegible] and [illegible] to make your visit pleasant.

Remember us to all the friends.

With Ever Kind Regards,

[illegible] Butler.

[illegible]

[illegible] 7. 18[illegible]

My [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. She would have been [illegible]

to [illegible] with you [illegible]

[illegible] often spoken [illegible]

[illegible] and she [illegible] that she [illegible]

[illegible]. She has been [illegible]

[illegible]

visited at [illegible] City [illegible]

[illegible] weather in [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] that you [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] is no [illegible], that the

[illegible] is [illegible]

[illegible]

She feels encouraged [illegible]

[illegible] these [illegible]

[illegible] what is largely [illegible].

[illegible] importance [illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible] could [illegible]

[illegible] else. [illegible] must try to [illegible]

[illegible] other [illegible] way. [illegible] will [illegible]

[illegible] mind [illegible] can

[illegible]

[illegible] in any other way except [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] though [illegible]

[illegible] personal matter [illegible]

[illegible] any thing better [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] there [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] well, [illegible] things

[illegible] something [illegible], they have

[illegible] pleasure [illegible]

[illegible] the city choir will attend [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] could see them all, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

If you could [illegible] would [illegible]

[illegible] together [illegible]

[illegible] spokane [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] feeling the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] why [illegible]

you [illegible] are rich

of your type, proved financially, [illegible]

urged to record over and over [illegible]?

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. To excuse [illegible] having so far

[illegible]

[illegible] my type [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Thank you [illegible] for [illegible] your

[illegible] visit [illegible]

[illegible] if you will

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] looking forward [illegible]

with the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Dec 29, 1884.

Dear Sister,

As Hattie is writing you, I will put in a line, to say we are all well and greatly enjoying this winter. Lizzie's health is good, and the children are very bright and healthy. Our Christmas was a delightful one. They had a tree at the church, but we had ours chiefly at home, with numerous tokens of remembrance from Maine to California. I thank you kindly for yours.

John & Lizzie write us often. We are glad they are doing so well. I came near being with them, and could hardly give it up, but thought I would not break away from those here. Frank likes California. He has a good place in business, and

boards in his brother's family. They have fruits and flowers all the year. Glad that Jennie & Anna are doing so nicely, and Y. Eddie in Ham. College. Trust his education will help him much for a useful life.

Lizzie was much pleased to receive your photograph, and will write you soon. It is indeed a good picture - the best, we think, we think you have ever had. It speaks well for your health.

John & Lizzie greatly enjoy having you so near. Hardly know what they would do without you, and the pleasure is not all on one side.

Pres. Dungan has resigned, and Prof. Dunn takes his place for the present. School at present about as usual. I like Hillsdale, as I always have. If we could only have more of our friends here.

With a good word for the holidays, & kind wishes.

I. J. Butler.

Hillsdale Mich
March 11. '81

Dear Sister,

You will doubtless be expecting a letter after my card sent while on my journey. I reached here yesterday about 1 p.m. Hattie and Holden were at the depot with a barouche (wheels). They expected Anna and were not a little disappointed — Fannie had sent a dispatch after I started and did not mention my coming alone — There is a good deal of snow yet tho' sleighing, it is not smooth. Claire finds nice crust mornings and takes her sled and has fine

While I am here I wish you would write a few numbers in your next — I find it difficult to remember which side you are of 8th av.

times coasting - She and Anna
are very affectionate, pretty children
and we are getting acquainted
fast - All are very well and it
is very pleasant here - I should
like to have you or Anna with
me so as to make the visiting
come easier for them but
my tube is a great help - Brother
B and Hattie seem changed
less than Lizzie and Claire
Lizzie wore her hair curled
when I saw her before - I think
she is looking healthier tho'
Little Anna is very bright with
a round sweet face - she does
not seem shy of strangers as
Claire was - I think I shall
like Holden. He is very kind
and seems to make Hattie very
happy - It is quite cold this
morning - I have not been out
but think of going with H.

down town after dinner. I have Claire for a sleep mate and I rested well last night. Went to bed about 7-30 p.m. and got up about 12 hours from then.

I got a little doll each for the children and I brought that bible for Claire. Wish I had got a picture book for Anna or had brought one from home - but you know I came without making much preparation. I left Anna feeling better I think than when we came from home. J. Eddie came to see us Sat. p.m. and remained till Monday a.m. I was down street when he came and got rather tired; so when he proposed after tea to go up to Cousin William Jones' I left Anna to go without me. A. got some tired but went to church the next evening to the Court St. Meth. church where cousin Lewis

and family and William's also belong,
Cousins Mary and Fannie went with them
but I went with Mrs. Jones, Mandeville St,
to the new Congl. Church - She had made
an engagement to call for me. In the
morning J. E. and Cousin M. went with me
to the Memorial Church - that new
church just opposite where uncle Henry
used to live - J. E. has only about three
weeks more of school - wonder will
we all get home together then - !
When last you wrote you were not
feeling well - I have been anxious
to have some word from you
again - It must be busy times
with you now - When have you
seen Johnny & Agnes? My love to
them and to you - also Mrs. J., Lizzie
and other kind friends,

What would you think of our
shingling the barn during this
next vacation? It will be such
a help to have J. E. home and
his summer vacation comes
so near haying time - If we do
I think I ought to write to Wm. J.

Remsen, July 15. 1889.

Dear Friends in Kansas:

As there is a family letter making up, I will put in a line.

Have been here since last Thursday night, and am enjoying my visit very much. We have a house full now, and I have very much pleased cousin Jennie Hughes and the other cousins from N. Y. Mills. We spent one afternoon very pleasantly at Aunt Jane's. Saturday took a trip to Trenton Falls in two double teams.

Had a very pleasant time.
Yesterday I attended the
Welsh Church on the hill in
the morning. the M. E.
in the village in the P. M.
and heard J. Eddie preach
at the same place in the
evening. He did very well
indeed, and made us all
proud of our relationship.
There was quite a large
audience out to hear him.
I do not think he has
mistaken his calling.
The minister invited me
to preach next Sunday evening.
This nice fresh air is doing
me good. Clarence had short
clothes on the day I left home.
With much love,
J H Coulter.

[illegible], Frank still living in California,
with his brother who is making money [illegible]
We also have a nice home [illegible]
furnished, with a good garden that is nicely
[illegible]. Lizzie is busy and the [illegible]
[illegible] are growing. Hattie's baby is a
great [illegible] strong and healthy.
Wish you could see them. Can you not visit
[illegible]
[illegible]. We want to hear from you
all. How is [illegible] getting along?
How [illegible], [illegible] family, and [illegible]
We often think of all the family both
here and on the other shore.
I hope to visit [illegible] some time
[illegible] all, especially during [illegible]
[illegible] here this fall. Now do
come and make us a good long visit any
or all of you. Do not think we have lost
an interest in you, and trust you have not
in us. Wish you would write often, and
we will try to do our part.

With kind regards,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sister,

Your note was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I could not visit you last year, [illegible] [illegible] little [illegible] who could not [illegible]. Very glad to hear [illegible] from you. It must be pleasant for you to [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]. How much I should enjoy visiting you in the [illegible] all the [illegible]. I have spent in many happy days. Hope to [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

Mattie and family are all well. One is very strong and healthy. They have an excellent church.

When you go to Kansas we want you to visit us by the way. We want to see you very much.

Commencement at College comes two week's from tomorrow. Wish you could be here with us.

Please write us soon.

All wish to be remembered to you with our best regards.

J. J. Butler.

[illegible], [illegible] 3, 1891.

Dear Friends,

It is a long time since we have received a letter from any of you. I got a telegram from J. Eddy Monday morning after Jennie's death. Is he still in Remsen, or has he returned to Kansas? We hoped he would visit us on the way. Did Mary accompany him, and is she still in Remsen? We want to hear from you all. So Jennie has passed away. We all thought a great deal of her, and she is gone to the better land. May we all be prepared for our turn whenever it shall come.

There has been much sickness and many deaths of late in this vicinity. We have been pretty well most of the time. I have not been so well for the last two weeks. Am troubled with billiousness, catarrh and cold. I have failed a good deal the last few months. Lizzie and the children are well. Clara is nearly through her course, will graduate from the Union School a week from next Friday. She is pretty tired and will be glad to have some rest.

John & Lizzie are doing well, and little Clarence. They have a good place, and prospering in their work. They write to us every week.

[illegible]

Aug [illegible]

My [illegible] [illegible],—

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

I hope [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] a long [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I get [illegible]

[illegible] How the night [illegible].
I will write to you [illegible]
of the news and write, [illegible]
[illegible] this time I [illegible], though, [illegible] any
[illegible]!
[illegible] to the
[illegible]. Two of the girls [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. They are
all in my class, but [illegible]
is going to [illegible] to Somerville
Hall [illegible]. She is
a very dear friend of mine and I
[illegible] very much [illegible];
[illegible] commenced in about three
weeks. I have enjoyed my vacation
and it has gone very quickly.
[illegible]
[illegible]

a possible.
The children had a nice time while he
went over [illegible] at Biddeford. He
seemed to [illegible] to [illegible]
I have been reading the "[illegible] of
[illegible]". I liked it very much
indeed, especially the light which it
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible].
I wonder if any of your apples
are ripe. We got a dozen of very
nice early harvests this morning.
Peaches are in the market too.
We [illegible] our garden at New Bedford
[illegible] very much, but it is a better
fashion to hope that some one is
enjoying it. If we ever keep one on a
farm I think we shall know how
to [illegible] appreciate it.

[illegible] eggs and [illegible] in the village.
[illegible] might [illegible]
[illegible] pound.
It is getting late and I must [illegible]
and close!
Write again to me when you feel
[illegible] Give my love to
[illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] Eddie,
Please thank him for his [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] him to write
[illegible]
I send you a great deal of love
Yours very affectionately,
Hattie -

[illegible], February 27th, 18[illegible]

Dear Aunt Emma:–

I think there must be a debt between us, somewhere, in the letter line. But whether I am creditor, or you, I am not sure. Anyway I will make sure that you owe me a letter now. We have been wondering if you and Aunt Jennie couldn't be induced to make us a visit this spring. We should enjoy it so much, and I don't believe the change would do you any harm. There seems a prospect of an early and pleasant spring. It is all bare ground now, and quite mild and spring-like.

If John E. is going to Kansas this summer, as Johnnie wrote that he thought of doing, he must not fail to visit us on any account.

I am sure should forgive him if he did.
The trip, with us both ways, coming
and returning, I want to make sure
of [illegible] be away out, anyway.
At Johnnie's [illegible]
having him at Mexico next term.
But I wish he could be at Hinsdale.
Believe I will send an application
to Johnnie's school, and try to
persuade him to come here. I just
he would!

I am sorry to say that my eyes don't
seem to improve much. I presume
I shall be obliged to have more done
for them, than I have yet.

Father is going to the office, and I
will send only this half sheet now.
Shall hope to hear from you soon,
and that you are coming at an
early date. Don't stop to think up any
objections, but just pack up and start
right off. That is ever so much the
easiest way to do. With much love [illegible]

POSTAL CARD ONE CENT.

United States of America

THIS SIDE IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

MERRILL
APR
1893
MICH.

[illegible]

268 West [illegible],

[illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible]

My dear Aunt Emma:

I send you one of my photographs, and one of Emma's and also one of mine for Cousin Mary, if you will be so kind as to give it to her.

Eddie sent me such a nice picture of himself last week. I think a good deal of it, it is so natural. I do hope if Aunt Mary goes east this spring or summer, she will call on us, as well as at Hillsdale. I would write to her about it, though I do not know where she is now. But I will send to Aunt Mary, and Eddie will see that she gets it.

Holden has received a call from the big [illegible] church of Ypsilanti and we expect to go there next Monday. The Ypsilanti [illegible] last week and I have been getting a little help from my doctor here while Holden has been getting our goods ready to ship at Ypsilanti. He is coming here tomorrow to stay over Sunday.

You know I have been quite heavily all the year in the [illegible] and [illegible] thought I must put myself under the care of a physician for a time. I am feeling much better already and think I shall improve right along now.

Ann and I both have colds but who hasn't, during this trying weather.

The [illegible] all well at Hillsdale. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than he

here before for several years.

I haven't heard from [illegible] since we left the U. S. though I have written to her.

I am quite anxious to hear again from you, and the friends at N. York Mills – Has Uncle Hughes recovered, and is Aunt Thomas' health better?

The Council [illegible] I stand at work [illegible] at Ypsilanti. I think it is going to be a hard field, though in many accounts a pleasant one. Ypsilanti has a population of [illegible], and the State Normal School is located there, with an attendance of over [illegible]. The salary is [illegible] which is not large for such a place. The church is quite young, but is self-sufficing. Three of the Normal Professors attend

there. He seemed to "learn hard" when at boarding house.

There is a very flourishing Society of Y. P. S. C. E. connected with the church.

Do you think Eddie will return to the Seminary in the fall? I do hope so, though we cannot be with him. I feel very anxious that he should have the advantage of a full course there.

It was hard to give it up for Holden, but as it seemed best, it will all work around for our good, no doubt, as you said, you dear, sweet comforter.

When we get settled, in a home, you must come and spend a month with us, at least, will you? Give my love to Cousin Henry and Jennie, and each other of the cousins as

[illegible] Mich. July 15, 18[illegible]

My dear Aunt [illegible]:

We were so very glad to get your good letter day be fore yesterday. The postman went right by at first, and said he had nothing for us, but he came back in a few moments with the letter, saying that he had forgotten it.

I return Mrs. Jones' letter, which I am very much obliged to you for getting for me, and to Addie for letting me read. What a dear, sweet soul she is! I am so sorry she has business troubles, and can imagine just how she deprives herself in order to help that little grand-daughter. She evidently wishes that she could

[illegible]

[illegible] us from our [illegible], when we ought really to be paying back all that she has we have.

I am very glad that she doesn't let Eddie [illegible] back any thing he had.

We are all quite [illegible] and [illegible] by the weather this week.

I hope you have not the conscience to be chilly these days. If you have, I can [illegible] you, for I have ever laid aside my inseparable companion, the faithful old red shawl. Mrs. Harris and [illegible] were in last night, and they [illegible] asked me if I had to have a fire these days. Lizzie [illegible] remarked that I managed to get along with the kitchen fire.

Well, you and I are fellow-sufferers in this cold and cruel world. We can sympathize with each other and exchange shiver for shiver, can't we?

Many thanks for the [illegible]. I was not suffering for it, but thought I

would like to have it on hand.
Lizzie did not have any, but there
was enough in the little package
for us both. The Hitchcocks are
living in Prof. Gurney's house now
while they are away for the summer.
Bennie came over last night
and invited Ora and me down
there. We had a nice little visit,
and some ice-cream. They were much
surprised to hear of Ollie's marriage.
I attended Hattie Hume's wedding
last Wednesday night. There was
a large company there, mostly
people from College Hill. Hattie
looked very sweet in white
silk, and the groom was nice-
looking. Prof. Hume performed
the ceremony, and did it in his
happiest vein. There were a
great many very useful and
beautiful presents. Willie sent down
a "Soo" souvenir spoon for me to
take. She had three dozen solid silver

to ... , besides several souvenir and berry spoons.

I expect to take the steamer for home Sunday evening, July 24th. You see my visit is "long-drawn-out"; but both of my physicians have advised it. Dr. Moore thinks I ought to stay all summer, but Reuben thinks he has lived alone about as long as he can. I have been improving very fast since I went to see Dr. Andrews.

I wish Aunt Mary could have made John and Lizzie a little visit. It was nice she caught a glimpse of him. We will write to her soon. I think that John and Lizzie are planning to go home with me. I shall be very glad of their company. We shall hope to hear from you often.

Please give my love to Eddie, Ella and the children. and accept a large share for your precious self.

Very lovingly, Hattie.

[illegible]
September [illegible]

My dear [illegible]:

[illegible] a
long long time since we have heard
from you. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. We have been at home nearly
seven weeks. We had [illegible]
[illegible], John and [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] with us. [illegible]
[illegible]. We all went down the river
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] I tell you, [illegible]
[illegible] &c. [illegible]
[illegible] of the season, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

the [illegible] was going up to the
[illegible] while the girls occupied
the lodge, and their father and
mother and brother occupied
the [illegible] "Cozy Nook"
[illegible] of the range [illegible]
along the river, [illegible]
easy fishing distance a month
[illegible] as the boats are running.
It [illegible] in sight
of the river, where we saw so
many large steamers and barges
constantly passing. Holden caught
[illegible] thirty-six one day, and didn't
[illegible] them. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] proved to be the [illegible]
[illegible]. He caught seventy
[illegible] one day. [illegible] Holden [illegible]
[illegible] one. [illegible] got a large
[illegible] one day but
[illegible] tried to get it into
the boat [illegible] broke the line and

carried off meat, services and all.
They have no regular service on the Island, so Allen preached both Sunday evenings that we were there. I had a hard cold all the time I was there, and was sick abed twice, with chills and fever. We came back sooner than we expected on this account.
I don't know what I should have done if I had not had that box of medicine you sent with me, for there was no doctor within reach. These little pellets soon relieved me however, and I think my faith was strengthened a good deal, as well as my body. I had to laugh at Miss Johnston, though, (my patient), for she took all those [illegible] little pellets of [illegible] just to see how it tasted, and she said it made her feel [illegible] all right!

since we came home, I have been feeling
a good deal better, though very cold
and cough still trouble me.
[illegible] at Hillsdale's did me a
world good. I didn't feel like the
same person when I came back.
I have a good seat in the [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] so soon down again.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] beginning
to [illegible] coming back [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] you are
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. I hope you will [illegible] in
the [illegible], for you are so [illegible] and
[illegible] to [illegible] you within
[illegible] distance! We hope to
see [illegible] you all, sometime.
We all [illegible] very much love
to you, and to Eddie and family.
[illegible] planning to answer
[illegible]'s dear little letter before
long. Very lovingly, as ever.

[illegible]

and expect [illegible],
then to the [illegible] city for a day or
two and then to Remsen, which
I think will be nicest of all.
So we shall see you around the
end of July – We are going with a
party, Mr. [illegible]'s people, and
some others, and expect to enjoy
it very much – Father thinks the
journey will do mother and me
good, and I think a good deal the
same myself! Indeed, I don't know
but I am the first one who sug-
gested it! — However I think dear
old Remsen will be the crowning
point of all and I expect to look
forward to that with longing and
almost impatience, through the weeks
spent at other places – I want to
gain ten pounds while I am gone

for I only weigh ninety pounds now and I have weighed ninety-nine, and I was the lightest one in our class. My greatest ambition is to weigh a hundred and ten, but I never expect to attain to that. It is well to have high aims in life though. You wouldn't guess that I was an Alumna of [illegible] College, and a "B. S.," and such nonsense would you? But actually, I didn't see any difference, when I came down from the stage after speaking my little piece and receiving my diploma, I didn't feel a bit metamorphosed into anything, or anybody very wise or big, but just the same little goose I always was. I don't think graduating is a farce though by any means, I got four bouquets

[illegible]

[illegible]

things. I write you [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] Perhaps if you [illegible]

[illegible] with

[illegible] Frank came [illegible]

[illegible] graduate [illegible] could [illegible]

[illegible] when the time came, but [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] three days

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] go [illegible] sister [illegible]

[illegible] suppose [illegible]

[illegible] come home [illegible]

[illegible] hope so. Perhaps she can come

with me right [illegible]

[illegible] Frank and Lizzie start

[illegible] Wednesday. They go [illegible]

[illegible] they will not be able to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] sides of the square, and

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

It was the first [illegible] up

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] kind of weather, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

... [illegible] ... and ...
... your ... in answering my
letter. But as you see I am hastening to
write again lest you may all die [illegible]
of [illegible] in knowing that you are not owing
me a letter. It would be an unusual
state of things for none of you to be
owing me, wouldn't it! I have been
thinking seriously since yesterday of chal-
lenging Anna [illegible] to a poetry match.
I know I could write more than four
lines if I got such an inspiration as
she evidently had. If I were the Muse
of Poetry I wouldn't visit her again
unless she could pay me better than
that for my trouble. But of course she

will of my molasses
than you do!
The idea of try-
ing to teach [illegible]
... with it ...
You must have
imagined the humor
would reach [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
his letter - [illegible]
[illegible] have it,
where he was a
little bitter about
[illegible]
there! there! [illegible]
the [illegible] I guess
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible]

machine may have broken after such
a strain - Tell her I think she ought
to be careful about publishing this until
she gets a copyright for it might lead
to a dispute as to the authorship of
it - If Longfellow or Bryant should
claim it there might be difficulty in
convincing the world that I, a [illegible]
(as yet) obscure and unknown
poet. In such a case I think I should
feel it my duty to come forward and
tell the world frankly that I wrote
it. That wouldn't be true, of course, but
it would be heroic, now wouldn't it,
to admit that you wrote such a thing!
Well I'll have them [illegible] sending me
some puzzling questions that [illegible]
again if I say much more - so I will
continue my letter to you, I guess.
I must confess that [illegible] [illegible] may
be a little rough to this, but what
can the poor fellow do with a letter
coming in on an average every other day

and no one to answer them but
himself! Uncle Philip and I have
repeatedly offered our services both
in noting the contents and returning
answers to the letters but so blind
is he to his own interests that he rejects
our offers every time. I hardly know
what to tell you of the person who so
occupies his attention, for I fear I
may be repeating what you have al-
ready heard from other sources.
But I fancy if Aunt Sarah could
be persuaded to remain here until
spring she would have the pleasure
of receiving another niece into the family.
It will be nice for me to have a
sister again, will it not? Oh, but
no one can fill little Lizzie's place!
You don't know how I miss her.
Oh I do hope you and Aunt Anna
and Grandma will come and make
us a good long visit next summer.
It would be perfectly delightful!

And I would show you what a nice
little housekeeper I shall be by that time!
Bring John Eddie along too, and then
perhaps I can go through my cook-book
in order, as I have so often wished to
do. It will be so nice to have some
one to eat up the things when I don't
having very good luck with them, [illegible]
didn't seem to scare anybody - tell
John Eddie to come and I won't do
any such barbarous thing - It was
horrid of me to think of it. He shall
have the cream of the land, — churned, —
that will be the nicest kind of butter
which you see - But I believe my
letter is really rising above its usual
height of absurdity, and I must close
before you get sick of this kind of nonsense,
~~my letter~~ it [illegible] to me.
I made some delicious gingersnaps yesterday - Don't you believe me? Uncle Will
ate the biggest one there was and then
said they weren't good - Can you imagine
my emotions? - You see I make a better

[illegible], [illegible] Oct. [illegible]

My dear [illegible] friend:—

Your last letter,

created such a sensation [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I send you [illegible] letter to

me. It would [illegible] laugh heartily at

[illegible]'s experience. I think many [illegible]

others would [illegible] [illegible] them [illegible]

[illegible] attention in your [illegible]

one would [illegible] [illegible] any other [illegible]

[illegible] within four weeks of the wedding—

What [illegible] for me to have a

[illegible] again! I expect it will be just

like [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

don't you? Mr. has just come from
town and brought me the second number
of ~~Moody and Sankey's~~ P.P. Bliss and Sankey's Hymn book - One
piece in it "The Changing Scenes of Time" I
heard sung most beautifully by an
evangelist who was here the first
part of this week - His name is Stebbins
and he has the richest sweetest voice
nearly that I ever heard. The meetings
here continue to be very interesting -
Thirty arose for prayers at one time -
There are young people, and some quite
advanced in life -

Tell Aunt Sarah that Mr. Childs is
selling all his goods at a reduced
rate, though they are not injured in
the least by smoke or anything else -

I got mother some seventy-five cent flannel for sixty cents, so you see the reduction isn't very much though it is worth accepting - Tell Uncle Will that Mr. Geeley's wife is in here now and she is as cool as he, besides being decidedly more talkative and it's enough to drive anyone frantic who is trying to write a sensible letter, as you know mine always are! I must tell you how smart mother and I were this morning - We had breakfast at half past seven and after that we cleared up the breakfast dishes, filled the lamps, made the beds, put the chicken on to boil, cooked some squash and made five large pies

before ten o'clock - then after that
I made biscuits and got dinner -
Mother has been clear out to the gate
this afternoon - I think we are getting
along real nicely - There is a new pro-
prietor in the Laundry here now and
we get our clothes more regularly than
we did - One of the Professors here in
College, Mr. Fisk, has been obliged to
go to his old home in New Hampshire
on account of his health - He went Tues-
day, so if Uncle Will had only waited
one day he might have had some of the
most "original" company he ever met -
Can't you and Aunt Anna come out
at Commencement time? I wish you
could - Please write soon - Lovingly, Hattie -

being most complete realization of Sum-
mer comes back and the different
flowers coming and acknowledging those
beautiful forget-me-nots the day I re-
ceived them. They were beautifully
arranged, kept their freshness a long time, and I
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] as much and [illegible] as could
be devised. I showed them at the [illegible]
and the greenhouse and [illegible]
were entirely different from any we
ever seen - they were admired by all
who saw them and Papa was [illegible]

for your kindness than I can tell you.
I never thought that you robbed your-
selves, I had no idea of your sending
me any. I must tell you about
those plants you sent me when you
first went back here. The forget-
me-not, daisy, white pansy, and
that fine green vine with a yellow
flower, are all in blossom and
growing like everything. Our flower-
seeds didn't come up very well so
we are all the gladder of those lit-
tle plants. Those plants that you
robbed from slips while here are
nearly all living and doing well.
But the ivy vines are running up
on trellis and cord as fast as
ever they can, and the begonia is
flourishing finely. [illegible]
[illegible] waiting is
[illegible]

I am writing with a steel pen this
morning because I am in a tearing
hurry, and am afraid of hurting the
gold one - I do not mean to break
that as I did my other - Do you know
I finally finished my black cashmere
dress about a week ago - Wasn't I
slow! But there were so many things
to hinder me - It looks just as pretty
as can be - Made in a Polonaise and
trimmed with fine knife pleating - I
cut it and all - Did you go to South
Hadley? Or are you going, or are you
there now? I have forgotten the time
of the reunion. You know the reunions
here are in '80, and one of the Al-
umnae who came back to Com-
mencement made me promise
that if neither of us were married
then I would attend the reunion
& supper with her - Only think of

[illegible] such an engagement of three
years standing. She is Principal
of a High School in this city.
and expects to go to Europe next
year. I am going to the lake with
him this afternoon, and it will be
a perfect time to be on the water
if it continues as pleasant as now.
Are you as much afraid of these
row-boats as Uncle? Well, nor do
you enjoy such fun as much as
I? We are going to commence clean-
ing house today and expect
to have them nearly every day this
week. There is a carpenter coming
tomorrow to make over the back
chambers with me and we have
trunks and boxes and feather-
beds, and everything else (you re-
member) to take care of. So you
see I will be a busy woman we will

Answered at once–

I should like
to see you every week
and learn to
row.– Tell Uncle
Will when he gets
a farm he must
remember and
[illegible] a Lord in
the middle
of the Land and
then I will
come and
see him –
But I must close.
write so it comes
more probable.
Love to all
[illegible]
Hattie

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] seems [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

all summer will she not?

[She] expects to go to Ithaca next

week to visit her friends - She

will stay three or four weeks and [illegible]

Jennie will go for her. I think I

will stay at home like a good girl

most of the summer and try my

fun for next year. Father and I are

planning for a nice trip then if

everything goes right. We are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and we shall [illegible] up the [illegible]
[illegible] for a exam [illegible]. It
[illegible] come after the middle of May
[illegible] ready to receive quest-
ions [illegible] is the time to expect [illegible]
[illegible]lations! How many shall
[illegible] from Steuben? I have [illegible]
[illegible] me some cloth for a [illegible]
[illegible]dress. It is quite pretty [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with the exception of the [illegible]
[illegible] which will be Hamburg edge.
[illegible] see I am getting smart, I dare-
[illegible] in six months to ^time^ any-
thing, any more. Many have gone some
to attend the "Funk". [illegible] last
night and will be back [illegible]
[illegible] our morning [illegible]
[illegible] and is read [illegible] about the
[illegible]k. Did you go to your [illegible]
[illegible] as you thought of? [illegible]

[illegible]

this day saying that they [illegible]

of [illegible] to

spend the Holidays with us. Would-

n't that be lovely if they would!

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. But they

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Father and I, Johnnie and

Lizzie, and Professor Haynes and his

wife all went down to [illegible]

Lake last week and spent the after-

noon. We took our baskets of good

things with us and had our supper

in the grove - Father didn't like to

go on the water but the rest of

us went, in a round boat [illegible]

I have been down there a number

of times lately and [illegible]

Dear Friend [illegible]:

Your letter was this [illegible] received yesterday and I am sorry that I must answer so [illegible], but father wants to [illegible] this to the office at the [illegible] so I have only a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] completed the [illegible] Mr. P. [illegible] & C. C. Emer[illegible] of Boston [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

ely very nicely. Professor Q[illegible] as you know is in great confidence of many and he gave an excellent instruction, directly after the performance, in [illegible] of light and shade, proper expression and the distinct articulation of words. Paul and I went one afternoon. The first or [illegible] time in my life [illegible]rt [illegible] and although the case was not particularly interesting, one of a chattel mortgage, I enjoyed it being new to me.

Has Maggie's school commenced yet. I should think she would enjoy it if it is not too hard for her. I do hope we can see you all this summer, but it [illegible] is not at all certain, we can tell but little about the future. Dear Grandma was very, very kind to remember us children and her loving thoughtfulness for us touched me very much. She and dear mother [illegible] felt alike in thinking [illegible]

carrying for each one - But it doesn't
seem right for me to take my share for
I do not need it and it [illegible] you all.
So I think if I should never use it
until I came in absolute need of it
for it would seem like something sacred
to me and too precious to spend un-
less from real necessity. But you have
not much, and all your expenses to
bear, and you may really need it, and
as Aunt [illegible] dear, if there is need in future
likely I shall be glad to relinquish all
claim to mine and let you Auntie have
it. You have always been kind and gen-
erous to others in the largest-hearted way,
and now you ought to think of your-
selves as others you never did yet.
But father is going and I must close.
I hope you will all be very careful and
not work [illegible] yourselves sick.
With a heart full of love to each one
I am as ever, Your loving,
Bettie

[illegible] weather, and they have [illegible] Pierre (?) [illegible] on the other road. We are going [illegible] going up [illegible] experience-[illegible] In that case we should visit them [illegible] on our way back, but if we go [illegible] through as I have a [illegible] [illegible] of hope, we should stop with you a few days about the twenty sixth of June. You spoke [illegible] in your last letter of [illegible] N. Y. [illegible] already, [illegible] you would like his present address. It is "No. 62 Main Street, Buffalo N. Y." I am expecting [illegible] [illegible] to attend Anniversa-ries (?) and Commencement.

[illegible] [illegible] will be very glad [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] nothing [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anything [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] came [illegible] in a [illegible].

It is a lovely beautiful [illegible] now, but cool enough to be comfortable.

I have been having a washerwoman [illegible] at the house to work for me for the last five days. She helped me a great deal, and made it easier [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than [illegible]

[illegible]. We have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] regular house-work and prepar-ations for our journey, and Aziah [illegible] [illegible] escort and all. The Greek woman [illegible] [illegible]ed we clean house [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] cool in the morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I have a little accident [illegible] a great deal where there are so many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Hillsdale, Michigan.
May 22nd, 1879.

Dear Aunt Jennie:-

Father received a letter from Uncle William this morning enclosing these pictures and giving the following information in regard to them.

"John A. Lowell & Co. 21 Exchange Place, are Steel plate engravers and herewith I send you one of their late engravings of ex-Gov. Onslow Stearns of N.H. lately deceased. I knew Mr. Stearns and this is a good picture of him. I got it from

Excuse this short note for I must write a few words to dear Aunt Sarah.
Lovingly, Hattie.

them the A. N. and their lowest price is $125.00 each plate, and $1.50 per 100 engravings or pictures.
I also send you a Lithographic picture, from the parties who got out those of Eld. John Stevens of Biddeford Me. Their prices are $20.00 each for Portraits, and $8.00 per hundred copies. If you order from either party you should send the best picture you have for them to copy from.

He also says that he cut the pictures two inches narrower, and two inches shorter than they were to made, for convenience in mailing.

Just as I finished writing the last sentence father came in with the sad tidings from Kansas. It is so sudden I cannot realize

and you are there. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] become you and so good and
[illegible], and [illegible]
so good like my [illegible]
[illegible]
We shall want to have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and the children, [illegible]
Louisa came back Tuesday. He [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] world. [illegible]
[illegible] too. She [illegible]
a good deal, and [illegible]
His cheeks are as fat as little [illegible]
rolls. I think he is a remarkably
healthy baby, and prettier than [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] years old. The [illegible]
[illegible] well, and [illegible].

[illegible] and
[illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible] held them open. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible]. I do nothing for them
[illegible] bathe them in [illegible] water.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], and I

Hillsdale, Mich.
Oct. 3, 1881

Dear Sister Jennie

We were happy to receive your letter, and Mother turns [illegible] with you to-day, so I will put in a few lines. I hope you have been having pleasant company and a good time this summer. I think those [illegible] made you that [illegible] visit three years ago, it would be interesting [illegible] to meet again. I hope Jennie is gaining, and must have [illegible] much better. [illegible] about his education, and trust he [illegible].

Our company are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

here. Clara enjoys it here greatly. She is now twenty seven years old, strong and active. She and [illegible] take [illegible] out to ride most every day. Little Anna is one of the sweetest, pleasantest little ones you ever saw, hardly ever cries, but always so bright & cheery. She is about three months now.

[illegible] Thompson is also enjoying [illegible] here, but will probably go back to New England in a week or two. [illegible] thinks of staying till after Thanksgiving. Hattie will probably go to Cincinnati the Wed. of this week. Of course [illegible] shall be anxious till she returns.

It is very mild here, with considerable [illegible] of rain. A letter from Nobby to day. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all moving pleasantly in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

[illegible]

[illegible] and I should [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] much [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] I suppose you would [illegible]

[illegible] able [illegible]

[illegible]

you there too. I have [illegible]
[illegible] ing, and I
[illegible] be able to do anything
[illegible] packing [illegible]
If I go [illegible]day. I hope to [illegible]
[illegible] Saturday. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] her. She [illegible]
[illegible] Sunday. She [illegible]
[illegible] week.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to them. I should [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]ce, I [illegible]
I [illegible]
[illegible]?
You [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] C. F. [illegible]
[illegible]

Hattie.

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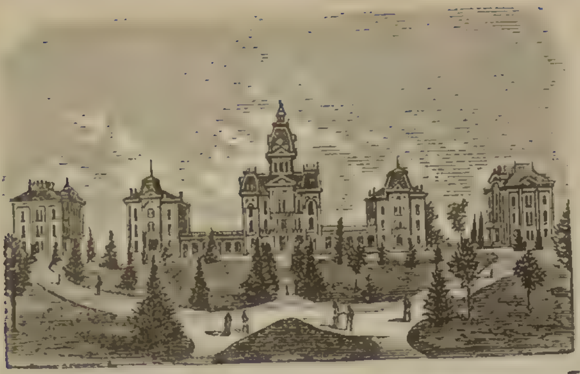

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] except
[illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], he can
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Hope you [illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hillsdale, January 31st, 18[illegible].

Dear Aunt Jennie:

We have been very glad of the letters which you have written us so frequently, and will try to be more prompt in writing in return. We feel very anxious about Aunt Sarah, but keep hoping for a change for the better. I think the warm weather of the winter, in fact, these frequent changes of temperature would be very trying to a sick person, for they are so to the well. I would give so much to be near enough so I could be with you all now. Aunt Sarah's visit here the winter of seventy six was such pleasure & benefit to us all. She was such a comfort to mother, and I know that the remembrance

[illegible]
than I think [illegible] every [illegible] and [illegible] would
have made me [illegible] to be a
Christian, whether I have been one
or not. I long to see her dear face
and laugh with her once more, and
[illegible] to [illegible], if it is His will.
Father and I are getting along after
our usual fashion. That is not
very wild or boisterous, you know,
— at least as far as he is con-
cerned. And I can't make much
rumpus by myself. He is at his
classes from nine in the forenoon
until twelve, and [illegible] from about
[illegible] hour in the afternoon, so
I have the house pretty much
to myself, a considerable part
of the time. I am not taking music
this winter, but trying to favor my
eyes. These long evenings would be
much more pleasant if we could
read aloud, part of the time, but
of course that is impossible.

rather see it [illegible] in the anytime as many as they wish, then.
So we both welcome the length-ening days. Do you ever hear from Johnnie? He wrote us last week that the thermometer had been 21° below zero there. The lowest it has been here was 2° below. And the next day there were heavy rains! A change in the weather is about all we can depend on. As some one said the other day, those who like variety ought to be suited.
Does John Eddie continue to take part in that "debating club"? If so, here are some questions that were given the Harvard students for discussion — 1st. "Ought members of the Cabinet to be responsible to Congress?"
2nd. "Does the possession of a good memory afford any indication of the presence or absence of other mental powers."

I think I would like to belong to a debating club. They must be very interesting as well as instructive. Wonder if girls couldn't carry them on as well as boys. I suppose J. E. would say "No," because a woman must always have the last word, and so there would be no end to the final discussion.

It must be tough, ain't it?

How is Aunt Abby's health now.

I hope to have a letter from you when you get time for it. Tell me how each one is, and how you are yourself.

I must send this to the office, and you write me some other time.

Eugene wrote that Emma was very weak, and Clara has been sick. What a trying winter for everybody. May our dear ones be mercifully spared to us. With much love to all,

Hattie.

Berkeley, Ohio,
Sept [illegible]

Dear Cousin Eddie:

I don't know whether father has ever answered your good and welcome letter, or not, but I remember he [illegible] you said you should not consider it wholly answered until each one of us had written, so I hasten to do my part and shall expect a receipt in full, for the same. I am somewhat at a loss to know in what part of the country you may be found, at this time. But think I will send to the old place, and trust the kind Postmaster [illegible] to send it to you.

Oh! Cousin Eddie, please let me make you acquainted with your Cousin Golden. (Golden, this is Cousin Eddie). Now I want you

[illegible]

to get acquainted with all her, and to
as good company as you and Mr [illegible]
here. The town is more [illegible] anything
more than [illegible] [illegible]
And Walden would ever do that, for
he went and spoke in temperance
the other night, and it [illegible] there I
would get any cider this year. — O DEAR —
They are sending out men to speak
on the second amendment, all over
the state, preparatory to the vote to
be taken this fall in regard to the
license law. They seem to think
that it possible, and I hope they will
succeed. Walden spoke at [illegible]
Corners, [illegible] you go [illegible] about
six miles from here. [illegible] was
one appointed to speak with him,
but was prevented from coming
on account of the sickness of
some of his relatives.
Dr. [illegible] made us a little visit
[illegible] [illegible] Came Thursday, and

went back Thursday. She was at first
at her [illegible] as ever, but managed to
keep [illegible] enough Sunday to [illegible]
[illegible] for Albion. I don't know yet
whether Mr. McCarthy is back at A.
this year or not. He is a Methodist
you know, and they have been trying
to get him to go to Albion.

Have you entirely given up going
to Hillsdale? I thought you were
going to take Hillsdale as the golden
mean between New York and Kansas.
It seems a long, long time since I
have heard from any of you. Has
Uncle Harvey gone back to New York?
I wrote to her a short time before
I was married, and asked her if she
would send me some water acorns,
and enclosed fifty or sixty cents
[illegible] what was in postage stamps.
But I have heard nothing from her
since. I have wondered if she ever
received the letter. I think it to be

her address. Will you please send
me her address when you write,
as I am not sure that I have it
now. We have had beautiful weather
since I came here, and I have had ever
so many nice rides. I go with Walden
to his second appointment at Bigel-
ow, every Sunday, a distance of six
miles. He generally takes tea with
some of the church members, and
drive home in the evening. Week
before last we attended a funeral
[illegible], where there were nearly
two [illegible]. Did you receive our
wedding announcements? I should
have sent one to [illegible],
if I had known her address.
Did you receive the card I sent you
while you were in Penn.? You left
several things at our house, and I
would if you wished them sent on.
[illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] about it. I

102 [illegible]
New York, [illegible]

My dear [cousin]:

I expected to [illegible] you [illegible], in my [illegible] which [illegible] allow me to [illegible]. You can imagine how much I [wished] you were here, just now, when I tell you that Wm. Lloyd Garrison [illegible] last night, in the [illegible] and the [illegible]; and tomorrow night [illegible] sings at [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] that I [illegible] you [illegible] but there is a poignant sense of double loss, when I know of such treats which might be for me to enjoy, if I only had my good ear [illegible]

[illegible] to take in [illegible] trains and
back. I am not sure but I would be
brave enough to go alone to hear
them here if they were in better parts
of the city. But one is done near
the [illegible], and it would be almost
impossible to go there in the daytime
alone. The other is near Sutton St.,
where I should be lost completely.
Holden has only two examinations this
term, German and theology. They occur
two weeks from today and tomorrow.
They had to omit some of the exam-
inations for lack of time. I suppose
none of the students regret it much.
How quickly a school year goes!
I can hardly realize that we are
nearing the end of the first term.
Father has been reading the life of
Jerry McAuley, and has been much
interested in it. He has written
an article upon it for the Star.
Have you observed them the [illegible]

him and [illegible] rules of
publication. Having been allowed [illegible]
upon me to give an account of
this convention here in N.Y.
published in the [illegible]
the business of the three Bodies are
found in the records of the
Church of England.

I have sent word here the other
name, as I will not want to name
more. I should like to hear from
you again soon. Let me see if the
book arrived all right.

Yours,

Affectionately,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible] Cornelia:

[illegible] to get your [illegible] today.

We have [illegible] all of you [illegible]

[illegible] the road. [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible] reached your [illegible]

[illegible] for you, [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] had [illegible]

I [illegible] o [illegible] and

[illegible] would [illegible]

[illegible] again, [illegible]

[illegible] here. [illegible]

[illegible] if [illegible]

so [illegible] I was [illegible] very

[illegible] started, and [illegible]

[illegible] road is so crowded
[illegible] so very much, and I
[illegible] we could go back some
other way. But I suppose it is
[illegible], as long as we are
[illegible] on that road.
We were glad to know that you
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] of the voyage.
Walter had a card from Dr. [illegible]
[illegible] yesterday, saying
that he was in time to catch the
boat home. He was afraid [illegible]
that he wouldn't get home before Sunday.
Our trunks didn't come until
today. We were really afraid they
were lost for awhile. It made
me blue enough, for all our clothing
was in them, and our silver ware,
photographs, etc. Walter kept
telegraphing to find where they
were, and finally found that
they had been [illegible], to

religion [illegible], instead of the [illegible]. They come [illegible] or the same [illegible]. I think we shall be quite willing to remember our church in future.

Fanny Williams called to see me this morning. She said she was all broken up because you would not come. I comforted her by telling her that you might come in the fall. Lizzie said for me to tell you that you ought to be ashamed of yourself [illegible], or the rooms would be no drier than that all the others would go in summer, and be all right. I thought she better have said that spring would hardly be opening then, for I am sure there is no prospect of its coming before that. I had some neuralgia yesterday, then I had all the time I was in [illegible].

it. [illegible] then [illegible] I
should reach up and go back to
[illegible] week. But I [illegible]
we shall have some warm weather
between now and August.
[illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible]. They will
spend about a week with Lizzie's
mother, and then [illegible]
I should [illegible]
the [illegible] the [illegible].
Our [illegible] been well at all since
we came. Today she has seemed a
little better, and [illegible] bright
when she went to bed.
Dr. Colden called on us yesterday
morning. He said I had not
changed a bit since he saw
me [illegible] year ago. I [illegible]
[illegible] I should be [illegible] talk
that way [illegible] I was getting old.
Mrs. [illegible]s wife called last
evening, and invited Lizzie

and met at one of her neighbors for the sociable [illegible] last Tuesday evening. She was looking very nice. She says she has every member of the college at her house once during the year [illegible]. She [illegible] a good many outside friends. [illegible]

I had a letter from Susan a few days before we left [illegible]. She wanted to be remembered to you [illegible] cousin, if you can [illegible] out [illegible].

Did [illegible] receive the [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] which we sent her?

I [illegible] you [illegible] together [illegible] having a [illegible] I could not [illegible] for a few days. I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and questions that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is feeling pretty well and [illegible] to get home. He was very [illegible]

[illegible] of the "settlement" [illegible]

[illegible] between us. Is it "settled with you" [illegible]? I thought you settled me. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you ten dollars [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible], and no [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] for the College, and

[illegible] him on the [illegible]

[illegible] the road during

[illegible] a [illegible] of

[illegible] to the

College. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] He [illegible]

[illegible] being [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

again [illegible] day, and [illegible] till

Sunday afternoon, for [illegible]

for [illegible] in the morning.

What do you [illegible]

[illegible]

that [illegible] ?

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] thanksgiving, and [illegible]

the day [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] good deal of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

305 Broome St., [illegible], [illegible]

April 22nd, 1[illegible]92.

My dear Cousin,

I enclose the check for your trunk. I am sorry we couldn't have sent it so you might get it today, but when [illegible] went down to attend to it yesterday, he found that the dray-man had left the trunk down town. He spoke to him about it and this morning found it there, all right. [at the depot]

These [illegible] are a nuisance, [illegible] a [illegible], and are a help to us in the exercise of patience!

I hope the delay will not annoy you too much.

Aunt Mary's letter was gratefully received this morning, also a letter for you from [illegible],

[illegible] all around.
I was so sorry to hear about
[illegible] house. I hope your
not going there Wednesday was
not the cause of it. It was a
great comfort to have you
here, but I know it did worry
[illegible] you away. I hope [illegible]
[illegible] is improving fast and
will need nothing to put her back.
I am not feeling as well today
as yesterday, but much better than
I was the first of the week.
It looks very much like rain,
and I think if it comes it will
be soon, so I shall not get
caught at the other end of
town, in it, where our Ladies'
[illegible] society meets this afternoon.
I shall be so glad of a rest from
all this church work, even for a
few days, if it is so I can go
to [illegible] in May. I hoped to

[illegible] you any more and [illegible]
will [illegible] [illegible], [illegible].

Would you be willing to have her from your church, if you wanted her? and do you think she is still free to make an engagement? If you are willing, and think best, I would like to have you write to her and see what she would do.

I think from what you said it would be a very good thing for us to get good help, and we really ought to have it.

Please excuse this unsatisfactory little note. Eva's incessant little chatter has kept my thoughts in a whirl.

With much love to all, and an especial portion to dear [illegible], (and another especial [illegible] to each of the others, including "that boy")!

Affectionately

[illegible].

Dear Cousin Eddie:

I wish you would come where I am now. I am not in Bay View now, I am in Petoskey. I wish you would come to Petoskey. We are in the Graves' house. I got a little basket, and I got a dolly. I got just one dolly. A lady gave me a new fan. The same lady that gave me the fan, gave me some beads. A lady gave me some candy. I put a kiss on this letter. I like it here better than I do Bay View. I know something funny to tell you. I wish I was at Hillsdale and I wish I was in New York, and Jersey.

kiss.

where. I had a banana to eat.

Goodbye

Eva.

kiss

The Unelected Infant.

An unelected infant sighed out its little
breath,
And wandered through the darkness,
along the shores of death,
Until the gates of heaven, agleam with
pearl, it spied,
And ran to them, and clung there, and
would not be denied.
Though still from earth came
mutterings "You cannot enter in,
Depart into Gehenna, you child of
wrath and sin;"
At last the gates were opened; a man
with features mild
Stooped down, and raised the weeping
unelected child.
Immortal light thrilled softly
down avenues of bliss,
As on the infant's forehead the spirit
placed a kiss.
"Who are you, thus to hallow my
unelected brow?"

"Dear child, my name was Calvin,
— but I see things better, now."

N. Y. Evangelist.

Dear Elsie:

I enclose this poem for your edification. We expect to stay here for awhile next, so if you write after getting this please direct to "Petoskey, Michigan."

Bettie.

CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

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[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
thought [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] But [illegible] be
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Porter, the President of [illegible]
[illegible] Oberlin, who lives twelve miles
[illegible] would [illegible]
[illegible] twenty [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] She is talking [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] will be [illegible]
[illegible] better [illegible]
[illegible] Oberlin [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] suggestion, the

CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

[illegible]

Dear Cousin:

Your good letter should have received a more prompt reply.

We are very much interested in the youth, naturally, since he is your son, and a letter which I think he received from his agent at the holidays revealed to the relatives his very considerable ability. We would like very much to have him here during the summer. There are so many hotels and boarding houses here that I think he could get some thing of that sort to do

in the region of the ward
you all. Shall I be able to
engage a room at the Lodge in
the afternoon, or shall I remain
at the Inn 'till morning.
It seems odd [illegible]
that you would [illegible] be in
a position [illegible] of the
of the [illegible]
[illegible] as to the
directions there. Would
a bell boy from the Inn be
good enough to [illegible]?
Roberts is [illegible], is
he not? The Inn is a
large hotel down by the
station occupied [illegible]
by a wealthy class of
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I suppose they
have to [illegible] back,
tho' there is no bar in

the hotel. There are not a [illegible] all
summer that one of all the [illegible]
this summer. Helen has
received a call to the
Congregational church in
Lexington, which she
will in all likelihood accept.
It is a larger place
and better field than
this. They would like to
have me come up there and
[illegible] living, but I am not thinking
that I can afford to undertake
[illegible] [illegible] of the kind.
They had their [illegible] [illegible]
would be hard to have
a new pastor come in
first before the season
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible]. I am [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] hand [illegible] it
and [illegible]
best to do — Our [illegible]
[illegible]
Holder [illegible] it all, for [illegible]
[illegible]
seeing that it is a large
and both [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of these questions and
seems [illegible] all that is
in this [illegible] —
Whenever near, I wish we
could have both Roberts —
and Clarence near us
for [illegible] — It
will not be [illegible] if
I look upon [illegible]
will you? I should [illegible]
with Roberts [illegible] — the
highest obligation to
take any [illegible] that

[illegible] and should be here -
We are in the midst of the
[illegible] right again
as there is to be re-union [illegible]
at the [illegible] school.
[illegible] walked to [illegible]
(seven miles) yesterday,
to church in the morning -
the roads were too rough
for a horse. but it looked
all the last night as if
we'll ride home today -
[illegible] is going -
[illegible] is along
She is knitting [illegible]
[illegible]
to [illegible] early in April.
How we would like to
see you all - still we
[illegible] hope to have [illegible]

[illegible] hoping [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and I [illegible]
[illegible] March. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] family. Please write
again soon. Much love
to you all.

Yours lovingly, [illegible]

University of Michigan.
March 20, 1912.

My dear cousin [illegible]:

[illegible]

[illegible] June 5, 1776. [illegible]

[illegible] Aug 5. 1705. [illegible]

[illegible]

they should engage a [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of them. [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] and
[illegible]. She [illegible] had
[illegible] and [illegible] Holden's [illegible]
[illegible] for there [illegible]
[illegible] have been very [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] this, and
[illegible] I [illegible] will [illegible]
that have any relation to this.
If I could see you I would
like to tell you all about it,
but as I [illegible] write all these
things that will bring about
Holden [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] did [illegible]
[illegible]
Holden and she became
bitterly [illegible] and [illegible],
and they fought like [illegible]
[illegible]
did all she could to get her away
and [illegible] to make Holden
feel that he did [illegible] to
stay [illegible]

and [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible] have [illegible] until
by Sheldon and Albion [illegible]
[illegible]
go [illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible]
omitted if possible. We have
allowed [illegible] and
[illegible] hard [illegible] and [illegible]
intend [illegible] it [illegible] able to
get anything [illegible]
else, I am sure [illegible]
[illegible]
in Olympia, Washington [illegible] build
would take nearly [illegible]
salary to pay your expenses
out and back.
I suppose [illegible] came home from
[illegible] school last Saturday.
[illegible] and Elizabeth [illegible]
get out until the very last
of the month. Elizabeth is tall
as ever [illegible] and seems to be
getting along nicely in every
way. She [illegible]
[illegible] I think
Ted has [illegible] pretty well [illegible]

January 5. 1913.

My dear Cousin Edith:

The book is just what I think is one of your own writing, and I am just delighted with it. I thank you with all my heart for it. I have been wanting to write you about it ever since Christmas and perhaps ought to have taken some of the time that I spent reading the book. but it is so fascinating! To begin with the mechanical part is very neat and attractive, and it adds much to the interest to know that you set the type yourself. But when I got

[illegible]
[illegible] Even [illegible]
[illegible] secure.
with [illegible] natural [illegible] be always, in
scintillating prose humor [illegible]
did not you dedicate the volume
to "Z.B.T." the of the mind to be
without the mind? That would
have shown the true width of her
kindness — or we might say the
cream — I cannot discriminate
between these poems and in
fact have only read a few
of them yet — but they all
charm me and will be read
and re-read — I so long to have
heard the old friend, how many
are of the beautiful ones, buried
and still fresh in my mind —
The poems to Kinsie are fine,
but tells me quite a world of
envy which [illegible] would
[illegible] might [illegible] in-
stead of Kinsie. [illegible] was
very much amused by the
[illegible] "Fly" [illegible] had
had to be read [illegible]
not. [illegible]
[illegible] of the book, but when [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] The [illegible]

some of them make me
think a little of Will Carleton.
I enjoyed the one on "Our
Baby" very much.
Some of them like "The
Pumpkin Man" etc. I
imagine were written
to amuse some of these
same young folks, and
they amuse us children
of a larger growth too.
Elizabeth speaks of especially
liking "In mid-sea", and that
is beautiful. She read "The
Little Man I Saw" aloud to
me and we both voted it
fine. She says it is too bad
to speak of any of them as
"best", when they are all so
good. You are certainly to be

congratulated upon this [illegible]
and I hug and congratulate
myself on having such a
smart cousin! Shake!!
I wonder what Aunt Mary
says about it? I know she
is pleased and proud
beyond measure of its success
- I hope you will realize
your fortune out of it, and
before Shakespeare and
Milton are forgotten too -
It was lovely in you to send
me a copy. I only wish you
had written my name on the
fly-leaf, and "From the
Author" which would have
caused me still more to
swell with pride when
I show it to my friends -
It is and I will continue to be

[illegible] letters came to me [illegible]
We had a very [illegible] but pleasant
Christmas. Did I send you one of
our Christmas [illegible]? I cannot
remember. We [illegible]
[illegible] sent me a [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] little [illegible]
also [illegible]
and the little [illegible]
[illegible] the Week of
Prayer this week. Holden has
gone to the Ministers' Meeting
this afternoon. He is getting
fat! Weighed 166 lbs. the
other day. [illegible] good care
and good feeding, don't it?
I was much pleased to receive
a Christmas card from Robert.
I should like to acknowledge it
if I had the address. Will you give
it to me when you write? What
is Jennie doing this year? How I
would love to run in and see
you all! Has Edward forgotten
Cousin Elizabeth? How is the
[illegible] with you? We have a little
snow but not enough for good
sleighing. [illegible] Helen
[illegible] this week and that
[illegible] well. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

March 5, 1915.

My dear Cousin Eddie:

You will not know what to think of me delaying in replying to your letters. The truth is I was waiting till Holden came back— he was about to start on [illegible] to give his lectures on the Yellowstone Park. Then he went from there to St. Charlevoix to secure affidavits for the local [illegible] on the [illegible]. The fight is on this spring in [illegible] &c.

So he has been away all the week. I expect him home tonight. He told me what to write to Mr. Sutherland before he went and I wrote in his name. No reply has come yet from

No. 3. President Harrison seems
to be just as he was. I im-
agine he is beginning to learn that things
may often adjust selves. You re-
member how long we had
to wait before we got the
Hudson. Hattie's resig-
nation took effect the
first of June, and we
did not go to Charleston
until the first of November.
I used to get out of patience and
discouraged. But then, we
did hear at last, and
we found that it paid
us to wait for something
suitable - I am glad for
you to stay right where you
are until you find what
you want.
I have been reading with
interest from time to time
reports - the field Secre-
tary, (Gen. Woman's Home
Miss. Work) Mrs. Latham,

of Clinton, is going to visit
the churches in the North
Central Association com-
mencing at Big Rapids
one week from next
Sunday, and as Pres-
of the Association Society
I have to arrange the
itinerary for her.
I have had to write all
of the churches two or
three times, and this
week have had to make
final dates with the
churches besides helping
Mrs. Dalton in her work.
So while I have hoped
every day to write you
it has just been crowded
out in spite of myself.
If I could only use my eyes
evenings - But while the
long bill is gone reading

[illegible]

[illegible] happy. She is very sweet and very [illegible] and very [illegible] as [illegible] I think it is a very [illegible] letter [illegible] and [illegible] could be more devoted to his [illegible] and family [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] How is [illegible] now? Hope we may [illegible] her husband [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Please write and keep me informed of [illegible] [illegible]

and hospitable. She will
let you know if we hear
of any change this
way.

With love to you all,

As ever, your cousin
Hattie.

Ludington, Michigan.

November 15 1915.

My dear Cousin Eddie:

It seems ages and ages and then some since we have heard from you. I know it is my fault, but that doesn't make it any better. Malcolm and Elizabeth and dear Baby left us on August first. They went on the boat Sunday night and the next night I took the train to Chicago and was with them from Tuesday morning until Wed. morning which was a real comfort and pleasure

to me. After they left Wed.
morning I walked over
to the Sis at Marshall
Fields taking the book
Cornelia bought. While
on the road I discovered
a letter to you and Aunt
Mary together thinking
it would be there for
Branson. But I never
could find it after I
reached home, so I
concluded that I must
have left it on the
book. We enjoyed your
letter from the Idaho
& [illegible]. but I cannot
find it now. – and so

careless creature as I am!
Perhaps this, soon will be
dripping. I've got a right
whole lot to forget her.
"Centralia" sounded so
familiar to me when I
first came — I was going
there. Then I remembered
I knew of the Newton
girls that had lived
to Mrs. Hopkins! I was
a chum of theirs,
but I know [illegible]
had better. She married
W. Gleason of the N.Y.
[illegible] Do you
know all this.
She says I'll hear
about you, [illegible] in

to superintend a mill near
Fresno, U.S. They expect to
move there soon.
It was very hard for us
to see them go, and we do
miss that baby so, but
of course it was quite
a promotion for Mal-
colm and a better business
proposition. Elizabeth writes
me three times a week.
Baby was a year old
on the fifth of this month
has twelve teeth and is
creeping. I think she
will walk soon. She is a
very healthy baby.
Claire has had a hard ex-
perience with her little
boy this summer. He was

only about 2 yrs. and four
months old when he was
taken sick with typhoid fe-
ver. This was about the middle
of August. He was uncon-
scious for several weeks
and is just beginning to
talk a little now. He did
not sit up at all the last
we heard. It has been
a long hard siege for
them all. The rest of the
family were saved from
it by having the typhoid
serum. There were three
cases in Bangor and a
state investigation was
made to discover the source
of infection, but all they
could find was the
milk supply which was

[illegible].
John and Lizzie are doing
well and Kate is all alone,
but I am getting very anxious
about [illegible] course.
2 days by the [illegible] at
Bristol. In last letter [illegible]
had heard from [illegible]
[illegible] coming by
[illegible].
Lizzie is keeping well
Will and Annie are teaching
[illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible] the baby.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
compositions as well
as [illegible]. She [illegible]

The young man is a profes-
sor and head instructor in
music in the Washing-
ton College there. He
was married last summer
and his mother lives with
them. Elizabeth enjoyed
her visit here very much
and Mrs. Moore does take
care of the baby some-
times so she could go to
some social function
with his wife and mother.
Malcolm was called to
New York again last
week, but Elizabeth stayed
only for a few days.
He is working for the
Broadhurst Lumber Co.
of N. Carolina, and is

Romney. Did you go to New York lately? Tell us all about it. We hope before you can go back there war will come to an end, and, tho' all over Europe will bring world ward peace, if only once. The children have been in Elizabethton, Tenn. ever since they went south. Our Ralph has been there headquarters, tho' Malcolm was in New York City on business to [illegible] [illegible] all this [illegible]. Elizabeth and Baby spent the month with some cousins of Malcolm's in Abingdon, Virginia.

nation of the two churches.
Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago
is to preach on next Sun-
day. If you see [illegible]
[illegible] be here [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]"
[illegible] Friend [illegible]
[illegible] of it.
It is [illegible]
[illegible] course.
[illegible] exceedingly [illegible]
[illegible]
of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you all. [illegible]
How is the work going?
Is father's health better
than it used to be?
Is Rachel still in N.Y.?
What do you hear from Aunt Mary?

Dora and Margaret. Howard and Mary? Did you ever hear good news from Howard and Sadie.

How swiftly the changes come! Father has been so well all the fall. His weight running up to 175. As for me, I weigh almost eighty lbs.

I am pretty well to-day all but my indigestion & cough. [illegible] I will get tired of it when I go north.

Please be good and write soon.

Very lovingly to you all,

Hattie

Lexington, Mich.

"Whosoever thou art that entereth this church, leave it not without a prayer to God, for thyself, for him who ministers, and for those who worship here."

Congregational Church

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Order of Morning Worship

Sunday, Nov. 14, 11:00

ORGAN PRELUDE.
PROCESSIONAL—
CALL TO WORSHIP. (Congregation Seated)

Minister: The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.
People: Surely the Lord is in this place.
Minister: This is none other than the house of God.
People: And this is the gate of Heaven.
Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
People: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.
Minister: What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?
People: I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
Minister: I will pay my vows unto the Lord, yea, in the presence of all his people,
People: In the court of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Unison: PRAISE YE THE LORD.

VENITE EXULTEMUS. (Congregation Standing)

Oh, come let us sing un-||to the||Lord:||Let us heartily rejoice in the||strength of||our sal-||vation.
Let us come before His presence||with thanks-||giving And show ourselves||glad in||Him with||psalms.
For the Lord is a||great||God;||And a great||King a-||bove all||gods.
In His hands are all the corners||of the||earth;||and the strength of the||hills is||His||also.
The sea is His||and He||made it;||And His hands pre-||pared||the dry||land.
Oh. come, let us worship||and fall||down;||And kneel be-||fore the||Lord our||Maker.
Glory be to the Father, and||to the||Son,||And||to the|| Holy||Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and||ever shall||be World without||end. A-||MEN, A-MEN.

INVOCATION. (Congregation Standing.)
RESPONSIVE READING. Selection No. 40
HYMN No. 320
SCRIPTURE LESSON
ANTHEM
PRAYER
OFFERTORY AND OFFERING
HYMN No. 693
SERMON
PRAYER
RECESSIONAL (Congregation Seated.)
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Church Notes

There will be a service at the Mission on Dowland St. this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold its meeting in the church parlor this evening at 6:15. Carl Hammond will lead.

The union service will be held in this church this evening at 7:00 o'clock. Sermon will be preached by Rev. I. J. Heizer, the Presbyterian pastor.

The Men's Personal Workers' League will meet Monday evening at 7:30 at the Dowland St. Mission.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet in the church parlor Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7:30. The topic will be "Abraham's Obedience." Its promptness; its completeness; its reward. The call for a venturing faith today.

Friday evening the Junior Scouts will meet in the basement of the church at 7:00 o'clock.

The choir will meet for rehearsal Saturday evening at 7:30.

Pithy sayings from addresses at the National Council:

Money is often the cheapest thing that a man can give.—Judge Coit.

You kneel down to pray for peace and you rise up to prepare for war.—Dr. Aked.

There are things which can be conserved only by dying for them.—G. A. Gordon.

Men will not always be ready to be cannon-food for King or Kaiser—Dr. Aked.

A good name is rather to be desired than a touring car.—Detroit version according to Schermerhorn.

The church is the fundamental institution in the reconstruction of our social order.—H. A. Atkinson.

During the last three light decades we have been smoking the opium pipe of evolution.—Dr. Gordon.

Every normal function of the body furnishes a meeting place between God and man.—Dr. R. G. Brooks.

A state superintendent is a "dehorned" bishop—"dehorned" so he can be a great pusher.—H. F. Schwartz.

If laziness—physical, intellectual and moral—is not original sin, it lies very close to the source.—H. C. King.

We can never repay the debt we owe to the veteran soldiers of the cross, but the church will never repudiate that debt.—C. S. Mills.

Everything that belongs to the spirit of love is sacred, and everything that belongs to the spirit of hate is secular.—Dr. R. G. Brooks.

Church Directory

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President .... Mrs. Henry L. Haskell

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

President .... Mrs. M. E. Blodgett

Organist—Mrs. Rose Fisk.
Chorister—Arthur Johnston.

Ludington, Michigan
February 5, 1918.

My dear Cousin:

Your very fine letter was received so long ago that I hardly dare look at the date. It gave us great pleasure as your letters always do, and the fact that it has lain so long unanswered shows that it was a case of dire necessity, for the very desire to get another would drive me on to write if nothing else. We have often ex-

changed views on the flight of time as I know of our understand.

You wrote me so many interesting things - about Margarett being away at college, Rudolph having the responsibility of that aviation proposition and being permitted to leave for that kind of service, the serious illness of his wife and a little of the family history and connections; Louise being in Bryan last summer, etc. etc.

Now I suppose the

kaleidoscope has turned
and brought about a new
combination of forms
and colors. Old Jake
Evelyn is getting well
and strong and that
Roberts is still able to
be with her.
Wasn't it too bad that
Isider didn't remember
Olivia's living in Boston!
It would have been so
nice for them to have
met. Clara and Thom-
have the third letter one
now — a fine boy about
two months old whom
they call Arthur Sands
Thomson. Lee is four

and I joyfully sing and
go into school.
Our children in Pittsburgh
are well. Elizabeth sings
in a Methodist choir there
being the soprano in a
paid Quartette. Perhaps
I wrote you this before.
Baby goes with her and
Malcolm to choir practice
and sometimes surprises
them by singing parts of the
tenor solos which she has
picked up by hearing them
sing it. Elizabeth said they
cheered the recessional
the other day in which
she heartily joined.
Holden and I have just
returned from a wedding
and wedding dinner.

The young lady is one of our neighbors and a member of our church.
Lizzie is living alone in the old family home at Mills Hall and Anna is teaching in Cassopolis.
We have tried so hard to persuade Lizzie to spend a winter with us, but to no avail, she is so attached to her own home.
John and Lizzie continue in their work at Vernon.
Clarence is at Camp Greene, at Charlotte, N. Carolina. Expects to be sent to France almost any time. It is very hard

to his parents after being separated from him for so long a time.
We have been having a very severe winter! How is it with you? We have had a great deal of snow and much zero or more than zero weather. With great shortage of coal it makes it especially trying.
Our Presbyterian pastor is in Y.M.C.A. work at Waco and they have a supply every other week. So our two congregations have [illegible] up and have services in our church one Sunday and in the Pres. the next. Our S.S.

meeting before preaching
service and there after.
Then in the evening the
M. E. and Baptist people
unite with us. All the
congregations good of course.
We are only able to buy
a pound of sugar at
a time now. and some
days cannot get it at
all. I have no capital
in the house now.

Holden is buying out a
Moving Picture Machine
for the church.

He gave "The Star Spangled
Banner" with these films
last night at the church.
The pictures were fine.

Two of our men have promised to buy the machine if it proves satisfactory.

It is the Ashimatograph. Holter has not been well for the past month. He caught cold going with the men by for a burial, and got caught in a terrible blizzard. He has been fighting hoarseness and chills and other accompaniments ever since.

With love, your cousin

Hattie

109 N. Harrison Street
Lexington, Michigan
August 12. 1917.

My dear Cousin Eddie:

What means this mysterious and ominous silence? We are all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we had you if you never [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] e but he is

trying to have this stopped.

There is a twenty five hundred

dollar position waiting for

him [illegible]

[illegible] of course he is anxious

to get hold of it.

As [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Lewiston, Me. Nov 20 ...

Dear Aunt Mary,

I want to write you a few lines to tell you about of my head. It troubles me considerable now, feeling very hot, and heavy as though there was a great deal of blood in it. Sometimes it sounds and itches as it used to, and aches considerable. And the hair on my temples, and round my ears comes out some. I think there are a few pimples on my temples. My eyes are very weak, and pain me sometimes dreadfully. They smart, and have red veins all over the white parts of ~~my eyes~~ them. Then the ... lids — and — you know I have told you all about them before, so I will not tell it over again, I guess. If you could send me a powder I should be very glad. I think it would help them very

Dear Sister Mary,
We send this by way of Kemsen because we do not know your address. Hope you are well and doing well in your business. Please write particulars, and I will write more then. We had a good visit with Jennie and Anna. though it was too short. Hope you will come when you can. Yours with love
E. E. B.

much. You know it is bad to have my head and eyes troubling me so when I am going to school.

We had a splendid time with the aunties and John Eddie, only I was so sorry they couldn't stay longer, and that I had to be in school so much of the time, so I could see so little of them. But I enjoyed their visit very much, and had such a good time with them!

If you could only come out this winter and visit us, why can't you? Then you could cure me up lovely, and we would have such a good time.

Grandma Butler is here now. She was very sorry not to have seen Aunt Jennie and Anna.

I should think you would enjoy living in such a large city as New York. Do you ever go to hear Henry Ward Beecher preach?

I had a letter from Ella Lewis a few days ago. She seems to like her school very much.

Please write as soon as you can get time, and direct care of father so the other Hattie Butler will not get my precious powder. Affectionately,

Hattie.

Utica, May 2[illegible], 1876.

My Dear Mary;

I did not think when I received your letter that I should allow so long time to pass, before answering it, and you wrote me such a dear good letter too.

I am very glad to know that you are so pleasantly situated in your cozy little home, now when you have a few minutes to spare, you can rest; I suppose you have had a call from your brother Eddie, we heard he was going to New York.

I am very grateful to you for answering

toward Dr Turner as I do, and has told
my cousin that she thought he was too
young and inexperienced, and so Mrs
Birdsey said if I would go to see him
that she would pay the $20. which he
charges for an examination, if I decide to see
him, I could not see Dr Turner before Sat. P.M.
or Sunday. I must come back Saturday,
or Sunday night. I do not wish Dr T.
to know I think of consulting another
physician for as far as I am concerned,
I have the utmost confidence in him,
Tuesday I shall want to give you a call
but will try and not trouble you very
much - so good bye, dear girl, till then

Your loving & grateful friend
Hattie

P.S. I have written this in school and
have made a good many mistakes I see please excuse

[illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] commencement.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Sarah. She says
"[illegible]" and "[illegible]"
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] of course.
Aunt Mary [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] since you have written to
any of us, did you know it? I [illegible]
[illegible] a stranger now.
[illegible] the least idea what
you are doing, or how you are, or
[illegible] of you at all.
It would [illegible] as though you had

and we all having the Lord gave, as I
think it must be nearer two years
since you wrote me. I do not blame
our dear Annie for neglecting us
intentionally though so I would like
anything very much to hear only
the disappointment at not hearing
from you. You must [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible]
[illegible] have received my
letters as you [illegible]
continued [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with you and your [illegible]
them three years ago and I wonder if
you would [illegible]
[illegible] at the thought of that [illegible]
[illegible] that we [illegible] through [illegible]
good health. [illegible]

would [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] I was-
[illegible] with me, and I used to
[illegible] [illegible] some of those lance
and [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] you [illegible], that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible])
[illegible] [illegible] me, [illegible]
[illegible] some of the [illegible]. [illegible] you, and
I would like to hear some of your good
[illegible] - [illegible] - The [illegible] attracti-
on [illegible] all I [illegible] to mention
[illegible] that is you. - [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] might be [illegible] if one [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]. I am not [illegible]
[illegible] of eighteen [illegible] as I am of
[illegible] and I [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] - wild.
[illegible] [illegible] my heart [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] for [illegible]

Hillsdale. Mich. Sept. 11 '8[illegible]

Dear Sister Mary-

What do you think of me for not writing to you while I was at Remsen? Well, the reason was that we staid there so short a time and were so busy visiting with all the dear friends that I did not get time to write, though you may be sure I thought of you very often and wished you could have enjoyed it all with us. I believe I never enjoyed a week so much in my life. It was just solid pleasure every minute. We did not stop at Utica at all on our way but went directly to Remsen. Johnnie and I walked up

at Utica over the Sabbath, then went to Niagara Falls and staid till Tuesday night when we went to Buffalo and took a sleeping car and rode all night getting here Wednesday afternoon. We arrived [illegible] very pleasant [illegible] of which I will write next time. We are all well and getting settled nicely [illegible] forwarded [illegible] time and it is [illegible] did. Please write to me as soon as you can [illegible]

from the depot (I leading the way!) and found Grandpa and Grandma at the church. They let Johnnie take the horse, while they were attending service, and go back after father and mother. I went on to the house and took the Aunties and Uncle Lewis by surprise. Found them all well. John Eddie had gone to a picnic but he came home that evening. The next afternoon we spent at Uncle Lewis' and Aunt Jane's and I staid all night with Maggie.
The next day, Saturday, Uncle Will and Aunt Sarah came down and took us to Trenton Falls. Mother didn't go as she preferred to rest. Mrs. Rankin, Maggie, and I, went with Uncle Will and Aunt Sarah, Aunt Jane, Emily Rankin and Hattie went with their team, and father, Aunt Anna, and Johnnie with Grandpa's horse. So there was quite a party of us. We had a delightful time and the falls

were beautiful. We carried our dinner
and staid all day, and ate it in the
woods, (the dinner I mean, not the day)
Sunday morning I went to church and
after Sunday School went home with
Aunt Sarah and Uncle Will. Haven't
they a lovely place?" The rooms
are so pleasant and every thing looks
so cozy. Monday morning father and
mother and Johnnie came over. In the
evening Aunt Anna and Uncle Eddie
and little Carrol came and staid to
tea. Father, mother, and Johnnie, went
back to Grandpa's Tuesday and left
me there. I tried to learn to ride horse-
back but didn't succeed very well.
I felt so much as I used to when I was
a very little girl and tried to learn to walk
on stilts - did you ever try that classic
amusement? Wednesday Uncle Will
and Aunt Sarah brought me home in

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the buggy, and Uncle Will let me drive part of the way. Friday they took Aunt Anna, John Eddie and me to Trenton Camp-meeting and Uncle Will let me drive part of the time going over, and coming back I drove clear from Trenton to Kenton and it was after dark too. Oh it is such fun to drive two horses! We had a splendid time at Camp-meeting — there, that sounds wicked, doesn't it? but we did, anyway –
Saturday morning we stuffed our pockets with apples and left. Now do you wonder that I enjoyed my visit? and I haven't been able to tell you half the fun I had either. I do think that Uncle Will is just splendid, don't you? He is so gay and so full of fun. I was so sorry to go away from Kenton I didn't know what to do. How much better Aunt Jennie's hearing is. It seemed to me that I had to speak scarcely any louder to her than to rest, but very little louder. We staid

[illegible]

Millersville, May 2nd. 1877-

My Dear Aunt Mary:

I will write a few words to go in father's letter while here at home. How little we thought when Aunt Cynthia died that her mother would be the next one to go. I didn't dream last summer of that being our last visit together at home. It seems as father says, almost too much to bear sometimes, but there is one great precious comfort at such times as these, and He who enabled her to cross the dark river with such calmness and fortitude will enable us to wait our little time before we meet again. We should be very glad if you and Aunt Emma could visit us this fall. Your mother used to often speak of wishing you could be here to enjoy our peaches with us, and we shall ...

a great many times I think. It was very lonely after Aunt Jennie left last week, but we are enjoying Lizzie's visit very much with little Clare. Would it be too much trouble [illegible] you are willing to send me a little [illegible] and [illegible] me? I do not like to get them here, as there is no regular homeopathic physician in the place. Sometime I mean to get a book and study the system so as to understand it a little. I have now only a slight idea of the uses of the few kinds of medicine I have. What is good for headache resulting from a cold? If you are too busy to be bothered, never mind.

We are having beautiful weather to-day. And it is my birth-day, twenty-two years. How different from my last birthday, when my precious mother was here to welcome it. But I must close with a short letter this time.

[illegible]

My Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] morning, June 26th and [illegible]

[illegible] done [illegible]

[illegible] Tuesday [illegible]

[illegible]

Boston. July 5th

Dearest Aunt Mary:

I received my veil and tip all right yesterday and thank you very much indeed for your trouble. We reached here safely and happily on Tuesday. Had state-rooms on the boat after all as some that had been engaged were not called for. Frank met us at Stonington and has been with us since. He returns tomorrow to Westerly. We remain here for a week yet. Very Lovingly

51 Hancock St. Hattie

That medicine came just as I was needing some very much and it helped me wonderfully.

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Miss Mary H. Everett, M. D.

433 West 34th Street

New York.

51 Hancock St. Boston.
July 8th.

My Dearest Aunt Mary:-

Your good letter came today and the veil and tip last week. I sent you a postal about the latter but Frank took it to post and I am almost afraid he forgot it. That medicine you sent was a real godsend and did me lots of good. Many thanks. I didn't find any slip of paper in with the veil. Don't be afraid to use my paraso[l] all you like for I take the same liberty with yours. Lizzie's address is "Lewiston, Maine, P.O. Box 470." "Mrs. Frank Sands." We are all well. Take care of yourself as well as other people! — Lovingly, Hattie.

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Miss Mary H. Everett, M. D.

488 West 84th Street

New York.

came yesterday, and cheered my heart.

I had been sad for a long time in not hearing from you, but am glad to think that you do still take an interest in your [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in your [illegible] [illegible].

This is Thanksgiving day, and my heart is full of songs of praise to the Father of infinite love, who has dealt in such wondrous mercy to me. You ask me if I am happy and thankful for the future: Yes, I think I am. How could I doubt the Heavenly Friend who has done so much for me, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] prayers in this [illegible] case.

I hope that I shall not [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the result [illegible] be [illegible] it will be for the best. I do truly wish earnestly that both my life and that of the precious [illegible] one may be spared, but I ask it in submission to Thy will, for I have learned that Thy way is always the best way. It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a source of strength and encouragement to me to know that I have so many christian friends praying for me. Dear Aunt Mary, I am so thankful for your prayers. I know God hears such prayers, and they are worth everything to me. I am very thankful every day that I have a loving and a trusting husband. Willie and I take a great deal of comfort in reading the precious promises in the Bible to those

who feel their kindness [illegible], and in reading the many [illegible] in which they have been verified in our own lives. Then in addition to the trying [illegible], which I feel sure of having I hope to have the kind of human help. I have had the advice all summer of Mr. Andrews, and he has promised to be here at the critical time if we can send him word when there is any train he can come on. Next to my dear Aunt Mary, whom I would always trust first, I do think that Mr. Andrews is the very best doctor that ever lived. Holden thinks so much of him too, we feel as though we never could be thankful ~~enough~~ enough to him for what he has already done for me. The first of October I came very near having premature birth, owing to overtaxing my strength.

When [illegible] on the third [illegible],
and he gave me a medicine which
was to be strong for my stomach.
I kept getting worse and worse,
and I then telegraphed for the
Doctor. He came on the midnight
train, while I was having some severe
pain, and within half an hour
after taking his medicine, I was
easy and slept the rest of the night.
By taking milk, and following
his directions for a few days, I es-
caped the danger, and though I
was very weak for some time I
have kept gaining, and I think
now, am nearly as well as before.
I am troubled terribly about
that time with that dreadful
burning in my stomach, and
rising of saliva. Also with con-
stipation. After the Dr. went back
he sent me a plaster to wear
between my shoulders, and a

bottle of acid to take every day.

I never had anything do me so much good. I have had fine nights of the tonics since, and the burning has entirely disappeared. Don't you think it is a dollar worth having? We have a good experienced nurse engaged too, who will come on the shortest notice, and we expect a girl the week to help [illegible] in both the work. Of course all this is a heavy drain upon our small resources, but we are young and have the future to work in, and we feel that the Lord will provide if we do our best. I have calculated that I should be sick sometime the first of December, but have been thinking for the last week that it might come any time. The only thing I can't seem to get [illegible] for is [illegible] and [illegible] in the [illegible]. I hope it won't [illegible]

it had been made for him. I [illegible]
would like to hear something about any of
them you forgot it.

We are expecting Uncle William
here from the East Saturday, to
spend Sunday with us, on his way
to Chicago. I wish we could
have seen Uncle Cornelius and his
family when they passed through.

We are glad to know they are
doing so well, and hope we may
have a visit from them sometime
of their journeys north and south.

Father was very glad to see
any of you, but Johnnie was
with him you know, and they had
to hurry through, so as to give us
as long a visit as possible with
Johnnie. Arthur and I hope to
go east before many years, and
then you may expect a visit,
sure. I have a friend in New York
this year, studying painting at the
Art League. I had anticipated

Albion, Michigan,
April 4th, 187[illegible]

My Dear Friend Harry:

I do not know where you are, but am going to write, and trust Eddie to send it on. I wonder if you are making preparations to go west. If you are, I hope you will not forget, to visit Ypsilanti on your journey. Of course the friends at Hillsdale, will think you must stop there, and I want you to, especially for Lizzie's sake. But your niece and nephew at Ypsilanti, will think you must come there, too. You will surely give us a call of a day or two, if no more, will you not? You could come right up from

Ypsilanti, only two hours ride, so
if you went to Detroit, visit
us first, and then Ypsilanti.
I don't know much about routes,
but I am sure you can manage
it someway. If you only do not
buy one of those heartless and
inexorable "through tickets"!
I expect Holden here tonight,
to stay over Sunday, and then
Monday we have planned to all
go to Ypsilanti, our home for
at least the next four months.
Our plans may have to be
modified by Annie's condition
however, but I hope not.
She has had a hard cold in the
head all the week, and her tongue
has been coated, but she has
been bright, and had a pretty
good appetite. She woke me
at half past eleven, last night
saying she felt sick, and almost

crying. She had quite a high fever and said her head felt badly. She only had naps, after that, and kept moaning and crying out, every little while. I got up quite early and went for Dr. [illegible]. He gave me a powder to give her at once and came to see her in about an hour. She is sleeping nicely now, and has not so much fever. Doctor said I need not be anxious about her, and he would be in again this evening. So many are ill all over the country. I presume it is a form of the general distemper. [illegible] and Clarence have been suffering for several weeks with the [illegible]. It seems to prevail about as much this year as it did last. We have had so much bad weather the last month. it has been very

trying?

Papa and all at Hillsdale, enjoyed the letter you sent me, so much. It was quite a treat to hear from you. Have you heard from Mrs. Ensdorie? Her address is 214 W. 37th St.

I had a letter from Mr. Butler (father's cousin) the other day. He has sent me the book contain-ing the Genealogy of our family.

I feel quite anxious to hear from Mrs. Plumb. Her health was very, very poor, when we left New York.

Hoping we will hope for another letter from you soon, and to hear something of your illness!

Remember me to all our friends as you see them, and accept a heartful of love for your dear self.

Hattie.

Mail to Ypsilanti, Mich.

203 B[illegible] St. [illegible], [illegible],
[illegible] 187[illegible]

My Dear Aunt Phany:

Your letter written [illegible] yesterday, came this morning, in company with a note from Eddie's mother. [illegible]
How nice it seems to be able to receive letters so frequently.
I think perhaps I answered some of your questions before they were asked, in my letter to Lizzie. But I will try to answer them more fully now.
Eddie did have a very hard cold, when he reached us at first, and we all felt quite alarmed about him. But we commenced at once, giving him [illegible] as you use for [illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible] when he arrived

[illegible] and [illegible] night [illegible]

[illegible] seemed to

[illegible] and though he

[illegible] when he [illegible]

[illegible] at all.

He seemed to feel well when he

started for [illegible], and in good

courage. [illegible]

[illegible] the only [illegible]

[illegible] this morning, [illegible]

[illegible] family.

He did not say how he was [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] remarkably

[illegible] of home.

He [illegible] still [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] the field. Dr. [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] the [illegible].

I [illegible] he will [illegible]

the [illegible] of the week, [illegible]

and then [illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible] morning will make [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
I [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible]
room [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] each others acquaint-
ance. She will be [illegible]
[illegible], I am sure. She [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] women I
[illegible]. I want to get your
opinion in regard to my condi-
tion, when I have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], but [illegible]
[illegible]. Today is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] and costumes on the other side
of the hall. If she will get Mr.
[illegible] [illegible] an [illegible], I
will [illegible] her a good [illegible]
in [illegible], [illegible] to
[illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible], and if I can get one
or two others established at favor-
able points, I will have a de-
lightful summer vacation.
I am sorry that Aunt Anne finds
that it requires so much courage
to write to me. I suppose it is
because I always reply with
such appalling promptness.
Wouldn't she venture to write
if I should promise not
to answer for three weeks,
and then [illegible] [illegible].
Tell [illegible] that I heard [illegible]
very [illegible] at the [illegible],
one evening last week. [illegible]
were [illegible] of [illegible].
[illegible] were [illegible]

[illegible] September 2nd, 18[illegible]

[illegible]

My dear brother Henry:

Your kind welcome letter came yesterday. I thought I would answer it that evening, but when I tell you what happened, you will not wonder that I did not. Twenty of our people came up here and took us by storm. They came laden with baskets and bundles, and not only had provided beautiful refreshments for the evening, but left each also tokens remembrance of their visit behind them. When they were gone, we found that we had two whole cakes, one frosted with watermelon on it) a platter each of fried cakes, a box of

oatmeal or flour, a dozen and a half
of fresh eggs, a nice young fat
chicken, all dressed, ten or twelve
pounds of granulated sugar. A
lb. and a half of coffee; a can of
corn, a bottle of pickles, a pint
of extracted honey, a quart can of
two qts blueberries, bottle of catsup
strawberries, half a peck of beans,
and a peck of lovely peaches.
Then we were told that 1/2 bushel
of potatoes would be sent up
today. Wasn't it a nice donation
party? And it was a complete
surprise. We had a very pleasant
evening, and all expressed themselves
selves as having enjoyed it
greatly. They came about eight,
and staid until between eleven
and twelve. Eva didn't go to
bed, and she enjoyed the evening
as much as anyone. She slept
till 9:30 this forenoon to make
up for the dissipation. She enjoyed
your letter very much. She is

postponing her correspondence at present, until she can really write, instead of print.

I think, from appearances, that you and Aunt Anna have fallen in love with Cousin Ellen, as hopelessly as Eddie did! How then! But isn't it perfectly delightful to think of you two cosily settled in a little home, next neighbors to Eddie's family. Oh, that I had the wings of a dove (or a few sizes bigger) that I might fly to make you a visit, notwithstanding that I have no invitation as yet! I never stand on such trifles as that, you know.

But seriously, I can't think of anything any nicer for you, unless perhaps it might be our living down in that vicinity so we could exchange visits about once a month. My natu-

will bring anything you want, while you are bringing, as the difference in freight will not be large.

I was sorry for Lizzie that you could not be with her this winter but so glad that you are to be in the state, and I am sure you will be very happy in Hinsdale.

Of course we are still in the state, though we are in the North Pole Corner, as it were.

I think Lizzie has some pleasant roomers to take your places, and though they can't fill them by any means, I hope they will get along nicely.

Holden packs dishes in straw and paper, in barrels, wrapping each dish in paper, and having straw between. In this way we didn't have a dish cracked or broken coming from Ypsilanti.

I shall be anxious to know when you are coming west, and shall

[illegible] of think very likely we'll ad-
mit[?] I think that would be even so
much nicer. I wonder if we
are always going to be stranded
way up here? Helder's mother
has written to him to come and
get her and bring her here next
month. She feels that she can-
not be contented to live any-
where else. I have a real good
girl just at present, but she
doesn't know as she will stay
longer than this month. I have
felt so much better since I
haven't had to work so hard.
I had chills and fever at the
[illegible], so I was miserable
all the time I was there, but thanks
to you and Aunt Anna, and a
good Providence, I had that little
box of Homeopathic remedies with
me, and broke up the fever [illegible]
[illegible] there. I never will lose
faith again! Helder has been

been about sick with the cold and
cough that seems epidemic just
now, for the past week. She is
getting better of it though. I wish
I could study medicine with you
for a few months. I should be
a very interested, if not very
interesting pupil.

Father says to tell you he is opposed
to moving the stove, to having it,
by all means, unless you should
have an exceptionally good chance
to sell it. But have it well
crated, as they handle them very
roughly. He says it will pay
you to have everything that is
nice, well crated or boxed, and
other things wrap with newspapers
and tie. He finds soap boxes
the best thing to pack his books
in, as they are not too large to
handle conveniently, and are not
so liable to break open as larger
boxes. He says you might as

Monday Morning.

It has been snowing a little this morning, but nothing as fast as it came. Hilda says that I should remind you to take all the milk off your stove, and wash it in paper and finish it (in bags or steamer.)

We have just heard that Mr. Henry Warren, the State Superintendent of Home Missions has been removed from his office. Do not know yet who has been elected to this place. There has been a good deal of dissatisfaction with him for a time past, but I had no idea it would culminate in this, so soon.

Hope you are well, and will soon be in "touch" you, my "things" from Bum's little settle will not turn up. Do not get tired out.

Lovingly, M. B. P.

an hour & a half [illegible] being
had [illegible] ten at
[illegible] Last Saturday
[illegible]
[illegible] I thought it might be
very bad [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] Sunday
and [illegible]
the [illegible] were
[illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible] very
[illegible] was a very
pleasant [illegible] and a very
[illegible] with
the [illegible] and [illegible] on
the [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Sunday after [illegible]
[illegible] 150, all
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] might [illegible]
[illegible] 15 [illegible] 16 [illegible]

together at about [illegible] in the evening.
I went through many of the
buildings, visited the classes
in both the girls' and boys'
department. I was there
there. I came back and dined
but have not done too much yet.
But I feel well, tax, which
is a blessing. I have
accepted a call to Charlevoix
on a salary of $1400, there is
no parsonage, but we get a
good house for $150.00.
Our moving expenses will
be very large, but I am not
discouraged by that since
[illegible]. Charlevoix is on
the [illegible] 15 miles
north of Petoskey, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. The popula-
tion is about 3000 in win-
ter, but there is double in
summer, as there is a good

CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

[illegible]

CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

[illegible]

After 5 days, return to

Mrs. W. A. Putnam

CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

CHARLEVOIX APR PM

(?)

Elizabeth Everett (Dr. Mary's sister) family

Mary W. Everett M.D.

Remsen

New York

Oneida County.

My dear Aunt Mary:

You must wonder why I do not answer your dear sweet letter. I have been ill for the past week, and am not at all well now. The trouble seems to be with my head, something catarrhal and bilious I presume. It will not last much longer I hope. I am up and down on the lounge, but not good for much. Elisabeth keeps the house going but it is hard for her and Hilda too. Our people are very kind to us. I am supplied with lovely flowers, and good things for the table have come in too. Now about these things of which you wrote. We shall be so glad of them, and it is so lovely of you to think

of us so. It seems to me
we would like it best if
you would yourself decide
just what you want Lizzie
to have and just what you
want to give me. Then send
Lizzie's to her at Bryan, Ohio,
and mine to me here. I
will gladly pay the expense
of sending mine, and would
want to. When there is any
choice, please give Lizzie
the best, for she needs it
most, tho I should be glad
of whatever you send me,
very glad. Do not get tired
out trying to do this dear
Auntie. I appreciate your
loving thought so much.
Will write more when I feel
better. Lizzie sent me your
dear letter to her to read.

Very, very lovingly,

Hattie.

[illegible] April 22, 1907.

My dear Aunt Mary:

I have been trying to get a chance to write you, and before to even — Am not feeling very well, and get so tired. It seems sometimes as tho' my hold on life was slipping off. Do you ever feel that way? These first spring days make one feel weak anyway. Elizabeth was home week before last. She enjoyed it so much, but were in quite a whirl with dressmaking, company etc. She is looking well and enjoying her work.

He hoped Anna would
come from Ten. but she had
the Grippe, and felt as
tho' she's rushed to get home.
It was nice Lizzie could
have the visit with her.
Lizzie has pleasant
rooms near. A Theol-
student and his wife.
Holden was called to
Hudson while E. was
home. to conduct funeral
services for a former
parishioner. He was
gone two days, and
spent one day at Hills-
dale with Lizzie.
I hope you are well.
Will write more soon.
Ever most lovingly,
Hattie
[illegible] April 15, 1905.

PINE CLIFF COTTAGE

My dear Aunt Mary:

A letter received from Cousin Eddie a few days ago, told me of your accident; and now another from Cousin Clara gives me more particulars. We were so very much grieved to hear of it, and I expected to write you at once on hearing of it, but my poor eyes, and the seasonless demands

upon them, could I wait to
hear the flight, even many
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to be reminded
[illegible]. Thank you so much
for writing Clara to write
me. It was such a pleasure
to hear from her, and we
were even more [illegible] to know
more about you. It must
be a very hard break for
you [illegible], but we are so
thankful [illegible]
[illegible]. That seems like the
worst break possible.
[illegible] I wish that I were
near enough to see you
every day and get the
cheer of your never failing
courage and cheeriness.
I think you are an object
lesson to everyone who
sees you — [illegible]
in [illegible] will be
just what you need and
will [illegible]
[illegible] which the
[illegible] are knitting
together.
We are [illegible] a letter
[illegible] Elizabeth
[illegible]
that she had a very hard
cold. She is [illegible]
[illegible]

at Bergamo, where Anna has charge of the High School -
She went to Saginaw for her Thanksgiving holidays, and Anna came here. We did enjoy Anna's visit so much, tho' it was only for two days. She came Wednesday night and left Saturday morning.
We were all invited out for Thanksgiving dinner, in the family of an Englishman, Mr. John Nicholls. He has a son living in England who married a lady of title (Lady Hilda).
Mrs. Nicholls is one of the dearest women you ever knew, and

one of the bright and shining
lights in our church - But she
is quite advanced in years
and very frail. They had three
daughters at the table that
day with their husbands, one
son, and six grandsons -
So you see we had quite a
table-ful. Mr. Mitchell is very
jovial and a fine hand to
tell stories - Miss Clarke is
staying with us again this
winter - She is very compan-
-ionable, and we enjoy having

her here. We expect Elizabeth
home next week, and can
hardly wait to see her. The
Principal of the Academy
and the pastor of the church
there both speak very highly
of her and her work.
She has almost too much to
do tho', having thirty-two
private pupils, and extra
work besides. She has been
drilling the children for
a Christmas cantata lately.
They had a very sudden
and radical change in
temperature there last
week, the mercury dropping
forty degrees in one night.
This was when she took
her cold.
Next Friday night we serve
an oyster supper to the
members of the Boys' Club
here at the Parsonage. It
is something of an under-
taking, as there are thirty
boys in the club, but we
hope all will go off well.
Lizzie has not been very
strong this fall. I have
written her urging her to
come and spend the winter
with us, but fear she
will not be willing to
leave her home. It is so
hard for her to get along
alone there in the winter
time. John is teaching
an academy and seems to

enjoying his school. Clarence is
in the last year of the High
School. He hopes to go to College
next year, but have not decided
where yet.

Now dear Charlie, remember
that my thoughts turn Heavenward
for you every day, and I
shall write as often as I
possibly can. We are so glad
to know that Cousin Mary
and Fannie are near you.
Please give them my love when
you see them. Helen joins
in very much love.

Always lovingly
Jackson, Mich. Dec. 9, 1918. Hattie.

POST CARD

JUN 27 3:30 PM 191[illegible]

U.S. POSTAGE TWO CENTS

Mary R. Everett M. D.,

Remsen,

Oneida County. New York.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY

[illegible]

GREETINGS FROM
HILLSDALE, MICH.
COLLEGE

thank you very much
for your trouble -
I suppose you received
my letter which went
just as yours came -
Hope [illegible] Mary
and Roberta are both
much better - Holden
is sick now with a
hard cold of the Grippe
nature - He kept go-
ing to the meetings
when he was not
well enough and
now [illegible] having it
[illegible] Holden
to pray. Hope he will
[illegible] get the better
of it. however -
are you feeling pretty
well now? Will write
more soon -
much love -
Charlevoix -
January 23. 1911.
H. B. P.

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POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mary H. Everett M. D.,
Remsen,
New York.

THE SPACE BELOW MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

My dear Aunt Mary:
Your letter and card were gladly received. Also the fountain pen came all right.

Dec — Jan 2. 1914.

My dear Aunt Kitty:

Your dear letter came this morning and I was so much enjoyed. Elizabeth and I both received the cards too, and I very much pleased to be remembered. Your address is 203 N. Harrison. I think you got it all right. Baby is so sweet and is growing every day. Elizabeth is some kid [illegible] she will get out doors [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible], [illegible]

always been so kind
of [illegible]
ing. I feel sure you will
be [illegible] by your [illegible]
for your [illegible]
in [illegible]
We had [illegible] a bit of snow
on the ground but freez-
[illegible]
mild. Saturday was
Elizabeth's birthday and
they brought the baby down
Sunday and had dinner
with us. Our meetings
will last another week
after the 7 o'clock [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
400 [illegible]
of 160 at last year
We are praying for [illegible]
[illegible]
Hattie
Lexington.

Congregational Parsonage
Holden A. Putnam
Minister

Ludington, Mich., March 4, 1913.

My dear Aunt Mary:

It seems to me that I ought to write three or four letters to you one, for I feel that it is such an effort for you to write, and you have so many to remember.

I am wondering how you are standing the winter, and if you succeed in keeping that dreadful grippe at bay. We have all had colds, and Holden's was quite of the nature of grippe, so he was only able to preach once a week ago Sunday, and not really able to preach that once, but his grit was equal to the grippe so he did occupy the pulpit in the morning. He has a funeral at the church this afternoon, and had to drive five miles to the home this morning. Elisabeth sings in the Quartette, but I have not been very well for a few days so did not go over. Didn't I have that bronchial trouble when I was in Berea? It has never left me, and tho' I do not think my lungs are at all affected, I think it takes my strength. The Dr. is giving me an extract of Cod Liver Oil now which he thinks will help me.

We have not had a very hard winter, not below zero at all, and not much snow, tho' we have the most now that we have had at all. They have had a good deal harder winter at Charlevoix, so we are glad to be here. I think I have written you of Miss Clarke, who spent three winters with us at Charlevoix. She has been sadly bereaved this winter in losing her only sister and about the only near relative that she had. I feel so sorry for her. She visited us in the fall and writes me that she would like to come again after a little. I shall be glad to have ~~for~~ her, for we may be some comfort to her. She wrote that we seemed the nearest to her of anyone now. She has two neices but they are so much of society women that I fear they are not much company for her.

It is such a pleasure to me to be able to think just how you are situated in your pleasant comfortable home, with good Mrs. Williams to care for you, and cousin Fannie coming down to see you once in a while. I hope Cousin Mary is getting stronger all the time. They are all "pure gold" aren't they?

Thank you for sending me the Advance containing the review of Cousin Willie's book. Didn't they mistake the meaning of "Quillings"? We enjoy the poems so much, and are so proud of our cousin. I enclose a bulletin with a verse on it which Elizabeth wrote.

We had a great treat a couple of weeks ago in having Prof. Wm. Pickens of Talladega, Ala. give us three lectures. Holden made arrangements with him to make a two weeks' tour of some of the churches in Michigan, and he was here first and lectured on Abraham Lincoln, then came back later and [illegible] Sunday and spoke in the morning on the "Progress of the American Negro" and in the evening on "Fifty Years of Emancipation". He is a real orator, very witty and very forceful. Our church was crowded to the doors the last time he spoke. We entertained him and found him very interesting and pleasant in the home.

We all join in very much love,

[illegible]

107 N. [illegible] Street

Congregational Parsonage
Holden A. Putnam
Minister

Ludington, Mich., May 26, 1913.

My dear Aunt Mary:

Your letter was a great pleasure, and I have been meaning to write again before this. Our spring is late as usual in coming and it has kept cold and raw. Today however is quite warm, and we are hoping for settled weather before long. Then I shall hope to get rid of this pleurisy, which has hung on altogether too long. I was not able to go to the state meeting with Holden as I had hoped. It was last week at Cadillac, and I was on the program to lead the devotionals at the woman's hour, so I was especially sorry to fail. Holden enjoyed the meeting very much, tho' it was a busy time for him as it always is. The superintendent of schools in Cadillac used to be in Hudson when we lived there, Mr. House, and they invited Holden over to tea one night. When he came away Mrs. House gave him a box of nice cookies to bring home to me. Wasn't that fine in her? Please excuse the looks of this writing. I did not like to waste so much paper on a wide margin. I think that women are naturally more frugal than men, don't you? Perhaps because the women do not have so much money to handle. How lovely it is that Roberts could go abroad. He is certainly a fortunate boy and no doubt realizes [illegible] the most of his opportunities. I think travelling is very broadening to anyone, whether in our own country or abroad. I wonder if Roberts will go to Wales and see some of our cousins. I should care more for that than anything else, I believe. I suppose you will hear often from Roberts. Please tell me about his travels when you write. Has John written you what Clarence is expecting to do? You know he will graduate from Oberlin in June, and he has accepted a position to teach in the Protestant College at Beirut, Syria. He goes on a three years contract, so he will not come back during that time. He will teach commercial branches. It seems like a great opportunity for him, and we try to rejoice over that, but it surely will be hard for his father and mother to see him go so far and for so long a time. Still it is not for so long a time as the missionaries go, but Clarence has been away from home so little I know the separation will be hard. It will be a good thing for him that no doubt. Ada has not been at all well this spring, having had a good deal of trouble with rheumatism.

Did Lizzie write you about Claire's little boy? He came just the day before my birthday—her first—and is a nice healthy baby. They call him Lee Nathaniel [illegible]. Claire was getting along nicely the last I heard. Little Elizabeth is not very strong, but is a very sweet child. She will not be two for almost a month yet.

Anna made us a flying visit when she went home for Easter, coming just one day and staying over night. She will soon be going home for the summer now. I expect one of the Charlevoix teachers here for a little visit about the middle of June. Then after she goes [illegible] Mr. Clarke is coming for another visit. [illegible] sister, [illegible] at home [illegible] Charlevoix. Elizabeth and I are neither of us very strong yet, but are sure the warm weather will help us out when it comes. [illegible]

Congregational Parsonage
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Ludington, Mich.,

I imagine. How are you feeling this spring? What are your plans for the summer? I am glad Cousin Mary is so comfortable. How much they will enjoy the summer on Carleton Island. We have very pleasant summers here. The springs are the trying seasons.

Holden went to our state meeting in Cadillac last week. I had expected to go, but was not well enough. It was quite a disappointment to us both. (Hattie had written this before - you see [illegible])

Well, I have written a long letter, and shall hope to hear from you again when you feel able to write. How much we were blessed in not having any of our loved ones injured by the floods or tornadoes. It came the nearest to Holden's sister, but she was out of it. We surely have great cause for thanksgiving.

Please remember me to Miss Williams. I enjoy thinking how cosy you are there together.

We all join in very much love to you, and a big "hug" from

Hattie.

10[illegible] North Harrison Street,
Ludington, Michigan.

Hattie E. [illegible]
Indianapolis Ind.
May 28, 1918

Monday, 10:50 a.m.

My dear Aunt Mary:

Your kind, sympathetic letter was very gladly received. Yes, I did have quite an acute attack of the Grippe. Holden was in Grand Rapids most of February, and I had to run [illegible] to build [illegible]. I feel all with the mercury ranging from ten degrees above zero to twenty below. Then he came home with the Grippe and I had to continue as before for another week. When [illegible] [illegible]

and Holden's sister Mary,
(Mrs. Williams) came
to us this week, her
six year old little boy
to take charge and an
singing. She and her
boy enjoyed them with us
very much. I had not
seen Mary since her
first marriage when
she was about twenty.
Now she is living with
her second husband
and has two boys, one
of fourteen by her
first husband, and
this little Clarence
Holden, whom we
all learned to love.
They stayed a week
after the wedding
[illegible], so went to see
Elizabeth who was

coming home for Easter
vacation. I was sick
all the last week
here, and in bed when
Elizabeth came home.
It worried me, but
could not be helped.
I am getting stronger
slowly now, but have
a troublesome cough.
Thank you so much
for the pretty Easter
card. I had planned
to send to you one too.
You narrowly un-
escaped serious
injury! It certainly
was a good thing
that someone was. It
might have been terrible
[illegible] to think what

might have been the result.
We are so thankful we-
were spared anything
worse. It would have
been painful and
hard for you as I have
the aftermath lately and
I am [illegible] to
for a long time.
I would like to see your
beautiful Azalea. I
remember that Willie
bought one once for
my birthday. Then
[illegible], and
they told us after it
was too late [illegible]
to let it be in some
shady, cool place
to rest, and that it
would bloom again
the next spring. But
I suppose [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible].
Sister H[illegible]'s husband is
Mr. Hugh Williams, of
Jackson, Ohio, (southern
part of the state) and
his father was a
full blooded Welshman.
There are a good many
Welsh in Jackson.
His father's name was
William Williams.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
The Hugh Williams [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
I am hoping to go down and

spend most of June with
Lizzie and around here
It will do me lots of good.
I know if I can go home
after the Easter vacation
in Cincinnati. Lizzie has
a very good Roommate now
Fannie Spencer is one
of the College girls.
Claire spent a few
days in Oberlin re-
cently, visiting John's
family and other
friends there. Clarence
is working hard in
College, and John and
Lizzie appreciate their
privileges there so
much. John is hoping
to get a church near
by, probably this
spring or fall and

in spheres
This is the anniversary
of our dear mother's
going to her beautiful
home. How sweet it is
to think that we shall
find our dear ones
after a little, and that
they will seem to us
the same as they did
here - Our time is such
a bit of Eternity there
surely cannot be much
change only the putting
on of immortality which
we all hope to share -
I cannot help think
ing that Lizzie will
find her little baby
boy again. What are
a hundred years to

Eternity? Such time to look
around, and wonder at
the glory and wealth of
the Love once [illegible]
around and begin to
realize [illegible]
[illegible]
forever.

Goodbye, Frances, my very
much love and the hope
that you will get strong
and well this lovely
summer) -

Very lovingly,

Hattie -

[illegible], Michigan,

April 11. 1910 -

Miss [illegible] is well as the
winter as usual. She writes
letters for me and brushes
my hair. I [illegible]
[illegible] the garden
[illegible]
[illegible]. She is always well
and pleasant company.

She will go to Norwood
about the last of May -
She spends the summer
with her sister's fam-
ily -
I had such a nice letter
from Cousin Mary Lewis
a while ago, and sent
it on to Lizzie, who
enjoyed it very much
too - I will send you
letters to her and she
will send to them.
I think our cousin's
letters are too good to
all of us and family,
especially when we are
all so much interest-
ed - [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] every [illegible]
[illegible] - He is planning

be held in our special
meetings there next
week, and Rev. Mr. Mills
of Bergen will as-
sist him -

FROM
CHARLEVOIX, MICH.

HARBOR ENTRANCE

My dear Aunt Mary:

It seems so long since we have heard from you, and I have been intending to write you ever since our pleasant visit with Cousin Eddie and Cousin Mary Ann in Chicago last summer. We did enjoy our three

days in their journey. It was
a great pleasure to meet Lorain
Mary Ann whom I had never
seen before. Then Eddie's being
there was such a pleasure and
help to us - Little Edward Holden
is such a dear attractive little
fellow. He took a great fancy
to Elizabeth, and she enjoyed
him very much, she is so fond
of children - Holden and I went
to Bergonia the first of October,
and attended the dedication of
the new Dormitory. I stayed
a week after Holden left, and
went to northern Ohio for
his vacation - The first Sunday
he spent in Oberlin with John
and family - He had a little fun
when he first went there, as they
had never seen him with his
beard off (and not since he
commenced to wear it) and
they didn't know him at first.
He enjoyed his visit there so much
hearing two sermons and music
etc. etc. The second Sunday he
spent at his boyhood home in
Hinckley Ohio, and of course had
to preach. Then the third and

last Sunday of his vacation 5
he spent in Detroit, where
he attended some morning
service. Rose Clarke is
with us again this winter.
We expect Elizabeth to come
next Wednesday night
to spend Thanksgiving and
her birthday, which comes
the Sunday after - Anna
is planning to come too, as we
are anticipating double pleas-
ure - We are all invited out
for Thanksgiving dinner to
the home of a Mr. John Nicholls -
He is an Englishman by birth
but has lived in this country
a good many years - He is

OCT. 18 1863

DEAR GRANDMA, HENRY IS GOING TO SCHOOL HERE
THIS TERM. AND BOARDS HERE. GRANDMA HAS BEEN
SICK. WE ARE HAVING A NEW STORY PUT ON TO
THE ELL PART. WHEN ARE YOU COMING TO SEE ME?
MA GAVE ME AN APPLE TREE AND I GATHERED THEM
M. BUT THEY WASENT HARDLY ANY GOOD ONES.
I GUESS I SHALL HAVE IT GRAFTED.
I WANT TO SEE YOU VERY MUCH. WHEN
ARE YOU COMING TO SEE ME. I AM
COMING TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS MA WILL
LET ME. THOSE SEEDS YOU SENT US HAD VER
Y PRETTY FLOWERS. WE SAVED THE SEEDS
AND DRIED THEM. AND PUT THEM IN
A BAG. ANNIE WAS A DEAR LITTLE
PLAYMATE BUT SHE HAS GONE AWAY
IT SEEMS THAT ALL OF MY
LITTLE PLAY-MATES GO AWAY.
LOVE TO ALL. WRITE SOON.

GOOD-BY

HATTIE. ELLEN. BUTLER.

New Hampton. Apr 6. 1864.

Dear Grandpa.

to-day I recived a letter fro
m Aunt Louisa. ~~[illegible]~~
pa says we are going to see
them make sugar the
first good day we have.
I am going to have part
in a concert next Sun-
day, we have got some
little kittens. and I have
got a brick house. I built it
my-self. we have got a
~~[illegible]~~ real nice place to
play. I must come here
to soon love to all.

good-by. Hattie E. F

[illegible] Hampton [illegible]

Dear Grandpa,

[illegible] was going to write today and so thought that I would write you a short letter. I [illegible] that you and grandma had been down here last [illegible]. the ladies had a public meeting. they had Essays and Recitations and 4 tableaux and a Dialogue about the Rebellion it was very pretty. I send you a Programme of the meeting, they ~~the~~ they had 3 more Tableaux than there are put down on the Programme. I do not go to school now I study at home I study grammar Music and writing. did Robbie get out that puzzle I sent him. when are you and Grandma going to come and see ~~me~~ us we all want to see you and Grandma <u>very</u> <u>very</u> much. we have a new magazine the

winter called the young folks we
like it very much.
John and Lissie and I have made a
snow fort down in the garden it is so
big that we all can get in to it all
at a time and run around in it.
I wish that you could see it.
John and Lissy and I have a real
good time this spring coasting on the
crust. how is grandma? give my love to
her. tell that Cynthia I wish she would
come and see me give my love to all.
~~[illegible]~~. how old is Maggie? give my
love to her and tell her that I would like
to see her very much. It rains quite
hard here, does it rain [illegible]? have you
[illegible] I sent Maggie a doll which I
made and painted. Tell grandma that
I am very sorry that she has hurt her leg
again I hope she is better. I
must close, give my love to all,
please write to me soon. Goodby,
Hattie E. Butler.

New Hampton. Oct. 10th. Tuesday

Dear Grandpa and Grandma and Aunt Sarah and Aunt Mary & Aunt Cynthia & Aunt Anna & Aunt Jenny & uncle Eddy,

I thought that I would write part of my letter with red ink just for the fun of it. we received your splendid letter and were very glad to get it especially me. I am glad that you wrote to all of us, My Aunt Louisa is here now she came last Thursday evening in the Bristol stage she thinks of going home next week but I hope that we can prevail upon her to stay a little longer she brought each of us an Album from uncle William Johnny's is blue and Lizzie's is brown

not really take pictures but you can see the person in front of it upside down I like to play with it. Jan sends a few specimens of his printing write his [illegible] be [illegible] very much pleased write it but I must close please write to me next time [illegible] write baby [illegible] [illegible] Hattie

and Mint is red. I like mine
the best and John likes his the
best & Lizzie likes hers the best. so
we are all suited. to-day while
William sent us such a picture of
himself so I put his first in my
Album. yesterday I had my pitcture
taken and I will send it to you
if you will send me a pititure
of uncle Eddy and Aunt Jennie,
that other picture of uncle Eddy
Lizzie has got in her Album and
I wanted one in my Album. I
will write to Robbie and ~~uncle~~ Eddy if I
have time to night. I guess that
I must close with much love.
write soon all of you please and
O uncle Eddy I have read my book
through and it is real pretty. and
thanks you ~~A~~ for ~~the~~ that pretty
little Silver thing you sent me
by Aunt Mary when I was
there. please all write soon. Love to all. Good by
your Aff. Niece and grandchild, Hattie

~~xx~~ New Hampton Oct. 30. 1866.

Dear Robbie,

I wish that I was there at good old Steuben playing horse with you and baby. although I fear we could not play much this rainy day. is it raining at Steuben? I hope not it allways makes it so muddy there after rain. I should like to be there to pump some water for Grandma. when it is pleasant do you play horse with baby. do you play in the old sleigh with Robbie Henry and Onie and Maggie now? and who is boss? do you remember that Sunday that we went after the cows together and called boboss! boboss! for the cows? and do you remember how you put your head into that barrel of water and how sick it made you. I guess that you wont forget that very soon, write soon goodby Hattie

New Hampton. Oct. 30. 1866. Saturd[ay]

Dear Baby,

have you suffered much from Stomach ach today. I wish that you was here to play with me. I have been taking photographs of folks most all the afternoon the way that I do it I have a box in the shape of the thing that they take pictures with I took a box and made a hole in the end of it quite a large hole and then I took a paste [illegible] tube and tacked onto it and then made another hole of the same sieze in the other end and then put the cover on and made a slit in the top of it large enough to slide a piece of glass through so some of it would come up and then made another one for another piece of glass in and then put them in and put a little Microscope in the end of the tube and then [illegible] of the glass out and look through it [illegible]

[illegible], Ind., Dec. [illegible] 187[illegible]

Dear Grandpa and Grandma,

I am writing tonight to tell you that you are great-grandfather and great-grandmother. Frank and Lizzie have a little girl a week old yesterday. She looks just like Frank, is a perfect little darling and smiles all the time. She is real fat and healthy and is going to be pretty I think, though she keeps her face puckered up more like a dried apple than anything else just now. That is why Frank doesn't like to be told it looks like him.

They have named it "Ella Claire", I tried to get them to name it "Mehitable" but they wouldn't. They are going to call her "Claire".

Lizzie is doing nicely, she sat in Frank's large easy chair out in the sitting room for two hours today. He is going to get her some Farina to-morrow such as Aunt [illegible] used to eat.

Ma has been over there for five days now and

I don't know how much longer she will stay.
I have entire charge of the work here at home
of ~~course~~ course, and have stayed out of school the
past week. I have made bread once, biscuits
twice, squash and apple pies twice, and johnnie-
cake several times. Then I have the meat to
cook and one day I made a beef soup for din-
ner and had dumplings with it. I have had
good luck with everything so far only I keep
forgetting to put any salt in the johnny-cake.
I have had baking nearly every day, johnnie
does eat so much.
I enjoy keeping house very much only I feel bad
to lose my classes of course, and I do hate to
wash so many dishes. If I had a machine
for washing dishes I wouldn't mind all the rest.
Pa is just as good and doesn't find any fault if
the victuals aren't just as good as ma's, and
eats through thick and thin, and when they are
especially nice he praises them, so of course I
take extra pains to have them good.
I get so tired by night I feel like "collapsing" en-

lily but in the morning I feel fresh and

well.. Ma says it is quite a rest for her over there because she doesn't have to go around so much.. Frank is very handy about the house and helps a great deal.. He takes care of Lizzie almost entirely..

Pa and Johnnie have gone to meeting tonight and left me all alone and I was so lonesome I thought it wouldn't be wrong for me to write you a little about the baby.. I don't know but ma has written you about it but I hardly suppose she has had time..

Isn't this your first great-grandchild? It seems funny to think of ma's being a grandmother and I an aunt!

Ma will be quite a stranger when she comes home.. I think pa likes to have me make his tea because I make it stronger than she does.. The washerwoman was here one day which made it harder for me.. But I made a corn cake that day and had her eat a bunch of it and she said it was delicious, so I was

easy to do anything in the world for her after this. —

The students have issued another number of the "Crescent" and Johnnie sent you a copy yesterday. I am not an editor any longer as I have left that class and gone into another. The term closes in a little over two weeks now and then we have a vacation. This term has gone very quickly and has been an unusually pleasant one.

We are all as well as usual and want to hear from you all soon.

With much love from each to all,

Your affectionate grand-daughter,

Lizzie.

P.S. I expect the baby would send her love if she knew I was writing but you see she doesn't know anything.

[illegible] and more pleased

than I can tell you [illegible] the receipt of a letter from you last week, and when I came to your name signed Elizabeth Arnold, it [illegible] as though it was my own dear mother's signature.

Everything is precious that reminds me of her and so your letter was doubly dear. The name is very dear, and [illegible] it was on my mother's [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] like you. I would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] week.

I ought to have answered your letter before this but there has been a good deal to keep me busy. Did Aunt Annie receive my letter in which I wrote some of mother's hair?

Anna and I joined the church here last Sunday. She was a member of the church of the Disciples but preferred to being with me, and I had never joined any, as myself have thought I delayed at the present. I talked with the pastor of the church before presenting my name and told him just how I felt and he said a great deal to help me and advised me by all means to join. I feel happier now on that subject than I have for a long time and I feel sure that I shall some day meet my darling mother and never be separated from her again.

Oh I would give so much to see her just
once more [illegible] time would be, but
I suppose it is not best. When I am
tired or heartsick or troubled I often
feel as though she were near me helping
and blessing me. She was always so
full of love and sympathy for others
[illegible] ones that I am sure she is
watching over us now if it is allowed.
I wake in the night sometimes and
feel so sure of her presence that I
say many things to her in my thoughts
and I cannot help thinking that she
hears them. But it is hard sometimes
to think that I am so young and
it will be so many long years before
I can see her. I suppose the time does
not seem as long to her now as to us,
certainly I hope not. I often pray
God to make her very happy where she
[illegible] as away! I cannot [illegible]

would [illegible] more bottles for sh-

I am pretty tired tonight for yes-
terday and today we have been house-
cleaning and having white-washing
done and stove cleaned out and
moved, and it seems as though as
much work as it was - My little
Lamp [illegible] was taken down and the
bottle was found to be all eaten
out - It is a wonder it didn't set
the house on fire. We had a real good
woman to help me clean, one we never
had before but when I paid her be-
cause I liked her looks and because
she had a hard time to get along.
She worked real faithfully and was
very kind to me - [illegible] that I had
thought she wouldn't let me lift
any more because she said she was
afraid I would be sick. We have
still some white-washing to do the

[illegible]

[illegible],

I write to you [illegible], because I [illegible] you when I [illegible] cousin [illegible] Simpson [illegible]. I [illegible] write this [illegible] if I can think of enough to say! [illegible] going to Europe? [illegible] so lonesome while he is gone that I wish you would come out here and make us a good long visit. I want some of the other folks to come out to aunt[illegible] going to tell them so when I write to them. [illegible]

[illegible] I have written a good deal but I have not told you much [illegible] I will [illegible] I can tell you a little. [illegible] I study [illegible]

[illegible]

I have not written my page [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Timothy [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

I wrote to Aunt Sarah seperate,

[illegible] to sleep with her, I love you just as well as I

[illegible] I used to sleep with her you know so I thought I

[illegible]

[illegible] why wont some of you come out here and [illegible]

[illegible] I should like to have you bring baby out [illegible]

I [illegible] I want to run over to [illegible]

[illegible] a minute when I get back I will write some more

[illegible] I did not have time to write

[illegible] I will write some now, a few days ago Nellie [illegible]

[illegible] being burnt to death she was standing by the [illegible]

[illegible] sudden she smelt smoke, and she found that

her dress was afire! her Mother was gone away but her sister
who was
a young lady was there and she put it out, though it

blistered her hands but it did not hurt [illegible] at all. she

supposed that her dress must have got in to the damper! it

[illegible] escape wasent it? yesterday I had a cold and

[illegible] I did not go to meeting all day. this Morning I got my lessons
and recited them.
[illegible] noon and afternoon too, so this afternoon I shall have a

half a holiday. we were very glad to get your letters Aunt

[illegible] & Aunt Mary we had not had one for so long. I am

glad you both wrote. I want to see you all so very much

that I do not hardly know what to do. I guess ~~we~~ you will

laugh when you get such a long letter for I am going to

write to Robbie and Baby! I send much love. write soon

[illegible] Lucia [illegible]

[illegible]

New Hampton [illegible] Wednesday [illegible]

[illegible]

I was [illegible] glad [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible] was glad it was [illegible] [illegible] I suppose [illegible] [illegible] that I am writing a [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] Toby I think he is a very funny [illegible] [illegible] I wish I could [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] writing [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] large. Pa gave it to me last Saturday and I thought that I would write some [illegible] out to Steuben [illegible] as I [illegible] you see. I want you to write real often to me and I [illegible] answer all the lett. you will write. I like to know what is going on out there. I suppose it is partly because I am a yankee. do you remember how we used to talk about it what we were whether all yankee or part that and part welsh? I have not played horse hardly any since I came home the little girls here like to play dolls better so we play dolls once in a great while [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] got a cold but I hope it is better by this time. I suppose you go to school now dont you? I [illegible] I like the first story [illegible] Harpers story [illegible] best. I wish I could see some [illegible] I think that it must be very pretty. I suppose you [illegible] nice times sliding on it, my sled is [illegible] [illegible] name is Reindeer. dont you ~~think~~ think that I [illegible] with funny shaped [illegible]? it is very windy to day here is it at Steuben? it is most one and I must go and set the table for dinner. I send much love, write soon to your aff. cousin.

Hattie

[illegible] Monday [illegible] [illegible] cloudy.

Dear Libby,

I thought when I begun your letter that I should have time to write more to you but as soon as I had written that, then it was time I had to go to dinner so it is after noon, it is [illegible] minutes of two. don't it seem funny to say 1864 Libby? Robbie said when he wrote that you had got a cold, but I hope it is better now. I have got a bad cold but it is getting better. [illegible] have [illegible] time [illegible] Libby? I had a very nice time at [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] so I don't know what to say to you so I guess I will fill up a little something to say. I wish you would write to me Libby won't you? I [illegible] you write (or something) to your Father sometimes one of the Aunties told me so when I was out there and I wish you would write to me. That is if you have time and I am in hopes you will. I wonder if I can write this page the whole of it to you. do you suppose. I [illegible] do you slide much on Robbies sled? Nelly [illegible] lives only a very little ways from here and right by her house there is a real nice place to slide and I used to go there and slide with Nelly. do you remember how you used to say over "Poor Jack Robinson we called him a pig and got him a wig poor Jack Robinson" when I was out there. tell Aunt Mary that I have not forgotten those verses she made up for me about trot trot to Boston. I must close with much love write soon Goodby,

Hattie

[illegible] Jan. [illegible] 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible] friend,

[illegible] got a letter from you [illegible] you [illegible] written to me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from each other, and [illegible] each [illegible] [illegible], it seems as though we ought to write often [illegible] it:

We have got [illegible] melodeon, and it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nearly as nice as a piano! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] though, but are in hopes that we shall have [illegible] piano sometime. We have had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good sings with our melodeon. Johnnie sings bass, [illegible] sings part of the time [illegible], and part of the time treble, and I sing treble. O, Johnnie has got a splendid voice for bass, I wish you could hear

[illegible] your [illegible] I wish I could see my [illegible] Mary. I am sure I should like her if she liked me.

Have you got a cat now? We have got a kitten since we came to [illegible]. She is black and white, just as full of fun as she can be. Can't you think of some name [illegible] [illegible]? Just as soon as meal time comes, she begins crying round as she can and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some one gives her something to eat.

[illegible]day. Jan. [illegible] you ever [illegible] ~~me~~ to get this [illegible] [illegible]! I guess you wouldn't [illegible] much [illegible] if you saw me writing it, but I [illegible] mean to finish it now. [illegible] [illegible] a great deal of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] sing together [illegible] "Dearest" girl, have you heard us used to [illegible] sing "Daisy Deane", [illegible] at N— H—? We like that, very much. O, didn't you have a good time Christmas? I had a splendid time. Though I wasn't well enough to go down street to the Tree. I got *such* nice presents, I think, a gold cross from pa, an embroidered handkerchief from ma, a bottle of perfumery, and some tamarinds from Lizzie, and then some oranges, corncakes, and candy, from various ones. The family that we live with have a daughter about my age, and we think a great deal of each other, so Christmas, I gave her a bottle of perfumery, and New Years, she gave me an embroidered handkerchief.
What presents did you all get? Wouldn't it have been nice if we could have had our Christmas together? What day did you celebrate? We celebrated Monday evening. Johnnie went away to teach school before Christmas, but he

gave me his present before he went.
Won't it be nice if some of us can see each other next Summer? But you mustn't be surprised if we don't all go out there. For you see for some reasons we couldn't probably very well, and it would be so ridiculous for us all to come on to you like a volcano! Why it almost makes me laugh to think of it. If we did go, there wouldn't be any room in the house for you, and we should eat the victuals up the first meal, and oh dear, I guess you wouldn't want us very soon again.
But whoever does go out some of you must come back with them. How I should enjoy showing you around Lewiston! O I do want to go out to Remsen again dreadfully. I do hope I can go sometime.
How does Eddie like living in Kansas? Does he like there, as well as at Steuben?

I have been sick the past six or seven ~~wks~~ weeks. with lung fever, and am rather weak yet, so you must excuse my many mistakes. I had to take a good deal bad medicine, but ~~w~~ I had a real pleasant doctor and he said I ~~might~~ might take something after it, and he let me drink lemonade. Now I'm getting well, he gets me lots of Oranges, and they seem to ~~do~~ do me good ever so much.

Wednesday morning. Jan. 4. I thought I would finish my letter this morning, it tires me so to write a great deal, at a time. Have you had any sleigh rides this winter? I haven't been out doors for over seven weeks. [illegible] my sickness. O, I [illegible] [illegible] here this last Dec. They had pears! I got me a couple at three cents apiece, and they tasted just as they do in the ~~fal~~ Fall. They were splendid I thought. I wonder if you will have an onion bed next Summer. Did you [illegible] [illegible] We haven't heard from Aunt Cynthia

[illegible] N.Y. [illegible]

My dear [illegible] –

[illegible]

that you are going to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]!

[illegible] you [illegible]

and [illegible]

[illegible]

own pictures taken * [illegible]

[illegible] and you [illegible]

[illegible] pages. –

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "Deacons". They are having

[illegible] and entertainments and all

the young [illegible] now. It will be to
a [illegible] you [illegible] if you
like them — I do.
I send love to [illegible] this
[illegible]. My [illegible] are Philadelphia, [illegible]
and [illegible]. We shall have an
[illegible] of [illegible] I suppose.
Oh! Aunt Sarah, I forgot that it
was your turn to write to me!
Well it is too late now, but I am
not going to write any more!
Do you see I am going to try to
make you pay your debts.
With much love
Hattie E. Butler.
P.S. I want to see Uncle William
[illegible]. —
F. E. B. —

HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Hillsdale, Mich., Sept. [illegible] 187_

Dear Aunt Sarah and Uncle Will:-

I have just been counting how many letters I have to write and how many do you suppose? just twenty. So I will begin with you and if you do not appreciate this honor enough to answer my letter real soon, I shall write to you last next time. Well we are here. But I wish we were not. Or at least I wish I was in [illegible]. You can not think how homesick I was for [illegible] after we left. I felt almost as bad as I did to leave Lewiston. I wish that we lived in Mr. Jones' house just the other side of Grandpa's. Wouldn't it be fun?

We [illegible] in [illegible] over Sunday and had a very pleasant visit with the friends there and Monday went to Niagara Falls. Oh they are so grand! They are as much better than Trenton Falls as Trenton Falls are better than Prospect Falls. The water falls 160 ft. and the spray rises above the top of the fall 140 feet, so from the bottom of the fall to the top of the spray is 300 feet. We rode about and saw the falls from several positions. The Bridal Veil Fall is very pretty but it comes from the canal, and knowing that it is artificial takes away half its charm. Tuesday night we took a sleeping car and got here Wednesday afternoon. When we came to the house I found that there was a room for you in it! So you must come and occupy it very soon you see. It is standing here with its mouth open watching for you and if you don't hurry up I am afraid it will get out of patience. I haven't found out yet whether they have the asthma here or not but the doctor lives just across the street and I am going to get acquainted with him

visit as soon as I can and see him about it. I have been hoping that I should be a little sick so she would have to call here but dear me, I never dis-enjoyed better health in my life. But I am going to find out by fair means or foul before long.

I have gone into College and am in the Junior class. I study Latin, French and Chemistry. The Latin teacher is real nice — he doesn't know anything at all. But we have all the more ~~fun~~ fun. Then the one that hears our Chemistry is a perfect idiot and we have lots of fun in that, but our French teacher is real smart and we have to look after our p's and q's. Johnnie hears two Latin classes in College. They seem to like him very much.

There are over three hundred students here now. We have ever so many graces and beaux. More than we know hardly what to do with. I wish I could go to Kansas and carry a lot with me.

Every time I see a team go by with two horses

How should I direct a letter to you Uncle Will? I was afraid your father's name might be the same as yours and he get it instead of you. Aunt Clara sent me that [illegible] Aunt Susan. Many thanks for it.

I long to jump in and drive. How I enjoyed coming home from camp-meeting! Didn't we have a lively time that day? When we went down to the depot Saturday morning to take the train for Easton I drove all the way, but dear me, it wasn't quite so much fun to drive Grand-pa's horse as your two beauties. I couldn't make the old thing go any of the time as fast as yours went up hill and you know it was up hill all the way from Trenton to Kensen — wasn't it?

But father said I could drive as well as anyone, and he doesn't care about going fast you know. If you are a mind to drive over here some day, we have a good large barn with room for two or three horses in it. Have you had any more apple dowdy yet? And has George forgotten that wretched "fab"? Mother says that she bakes the apple-sauce for the dowdy in the oven four or five hours. It is getting late and I must close.

Please write very soon both of you, and direct to Box. 207.

With much love — Hattie —

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] love [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would write a few lines if she had time - she says tell them - but we do not consider it much farther from here to Jemison than from there to here - Oh you must come anyway we can [illegible] anything [illegible] -

Hillsdale Mich. Oct. 15 [illegible]

Dear [illegible] and Uncle Will.

You have no idea how glad I was to get your letter and how much I enjoyed reading it. If I could write as good letters as you can Aunt Sarah I would consider it a special blessing and would write to all my correspondents regularly once a week (especially my niece at Hillsdale). I am so glad you made her write Uncle Will for she never would have answered my letter in the world if you hadn't.

The next time I see you Aunt Sarah I am going to shake you for not writing oftener and then kiss you for writing such splendid letters when you do write. Is that right? Oh dear, if I could only go to Ithaca with you sometime

and Lou I think is perfectly happy.
I am afraid of what people think of
mine if I do not have any chance of [illegible]-
I guess I could get along all right though,
but Uncle Will & all the rest [illegible]
just us. Do you remember that one
day we all got off and what clouds of
bricks they sent back in the shape of
dust! Oh I must tell you. I called
to see a lady the other day, whose husband
is a doctor and I asked her if they had
asthma here and she said that she did-
nt know of a single case and she says
she is well acquainted here too. She said
that her husband used to be troubled
with it a great deal but since they
have been here he hasn't had it at
all. So now you must just commence
packing up tonight and next week I
will meet you at the depot if you
say so. Never put off till tomorrow you
know what you can do today. Don't think

Johnnie hasn't practiced anything since lately - I guess you will wonder where this letter leaves off. You can leave off where it begins but you like -

you can come next summer just as will not come now. Procrastination is an awful thing you know (I say note it is an awful long word) and if you wait till next summer I may come to Remsen and settle down on you and then you would wish you hadn't stayed. But I am going to make some more inquiries and if a real live doctor says they don't have it here, will you certainly come? Now it wouldn't cost you any more to come here than it would to go to Lewiston and you were going there last winter ~~and~~ but as you didn't you ought to come here this winter (or fall) to make up. You can come and make us a good long visit and then if it doesn't agree with you here you can go back next Spring (and let me go with you) and if you like you can stay and not go back at all. I do wish you would. You have no idea how much I want you to. Won't you, please?

Uncle and wrote that little Bert would like here very much - and I know he would - We are getting to feel quite at home here now - I like ever so much better than I did at Lewiston and I thought Lewiston was about perfect - The typhoid fever is prevailing there very much this fall and we are trying to persuade Lizzie and Frank to come here - I think they will move here next summer but it is doubtful if they come before that as he is clerk in a large manufactory in Auburn - We are having beautiful weather - Last evening [illegible] and I went to the Students prayer-meeting in the college building - It was quite full and very interesting - I have some good news for all my correspondents - I am going to commence taking writing lessons tomorrow - I know you are glad if you have got to read many more of my letters - I got a real good letter from Aunt Mary a few days ago - Now Uncle Will do make Aunt Mary answer this real soon - wont you? And I will drive for you the first time we go to camp-meeting - With much love. Hattie.

Hillsdale. Mich. Feb. 26th. 1874.

Dear Aunt Sarah and Uncle Will:-

I don't know what you think about it, but I think I am very good to keep writing to Uncle Will when he never answers any of my letters. However, he did commence one last time and I suppose I must take the Will for the deed. I will tell you how you should have done Aunt Sarah. You should have finished your Christmas Song and then commenced a letter to me without saying anything to Uncle Will and then I should have got a letter from each of you, Don't you see?

Dear me this letter is fairly outgrowing the paper and I must put a brick on its head quick or my last words will be wasted on the desert air. Please do write to me soon both of you. I wish we could make an apple dowdy together Aunt Sarah. It would be better than our other.
With much love -
Hattie E. Butts -

Oh Uncle Will I would give anything to [illegible] a ride with your horses. I know I could drive them if they were ever so wild if you were with me to hold the reins once in a while. We haven't had more than three or four days of sleighing this winter and I have had only two sleighrides. One of those was to [illegible] eighteen miles from here. A party of us went in the evening and I almost froze to death! We had lots of fun though but really I haven't enjoyed anything since as much as I did our trip to Campmeeting — there, that sounds funny doesn't it! "trip to Campmeeting," but I didn't know what else to call it. I did enjoy driving home so much. I shall never forget it, never! If you ~~and~~ two will come here and visit us next May and stay till the middle of June

I will go back with you then and stay till September and bring one of the Aunties home with me then. Couldn't we have splendid times? Oh I should enjoy it so much! There is a druggist here who has a cure for asthma which he says is never-failing. It is something you burn on coals and inhale the vapors. He invented it himself and says it cures immediately. He is also Editor of a paper here and I do wish you could try his medicine. Lizzie and Frank live near us now and we enjoy visiting back and forth very much. Lizzie was up here this afternoon and they were both here to tea last night.
They felt disappointed at not being able to visit you on their way here but could not under the circum-

since. I wanted them to go to Remsen particularly so they could see Uncle Will. And Lizzie is about as anxious to see him as I am to have her, I have told her so much about him. Has your brother George finished his school yet? I sent him a catalogue of our College here and having been wishing he would come and enter one of the Classes. He would like I know, and get a good education too. We are having a vacation now and school doesn't commence again till the eighteenth of March. I expect next term will be very large. This was a small term though there were about two hundred and fifty students. Mrs. Livermore lectured here last week on "What shall we do with our daughters?" If she had asked me the question I should have told her, "Learn them how to hold the reins."

[illegible] Minn. Mar. 16. '74.

Dear Uncle Will:-

It was just splendid of you to write me such a long letter and such a gay one and I thank you a thousand times for it. You said in your letter that if you were as good a letter writer as I you would write so often that I should get tired of reading. Now I have been investigating the matter and I find that you are a great deal better writer than I am so you see I am going to hold you to your promise and you better commence on your writing right off for you will have your hands full to

[illegible] soon, won't you? I think so much of hearing from dear old Remsen. I have learned how to make some delicious cream pies and if you will come out I will make you some. They are a good deal better than apple dowdy really. Only you mustn't laugh at them —

[illegible] my thirst for letters, I assure you. That last promise will keep your pen on the jump about forty years I expect. I shall look for a letter from you three times a day regularly, besides what I get between meals! Now be punctual! I went to a ride the other day. Brother Frank got a two horse team and took [illegible] and I to Kawtese Lake. We had a delightful time but the horses were not as good as yours. At least I didn't like them so well. They were skittish and once when Frank got out of the buggy to get some flowers he wanted me to drive on a little ways so he could get some more and I wouldn't, I was so afraid they would start and run. Now don't think I am getting to be a coward. I shouldn't have been afraid if you had been in the buggy.

Oh if I could only spend this summer

at Hemlin and go to camp-meeting again! Mother asked me the other day which I enjoyed most that time the meeting or the ride and I told her the ride and the lunches. She wasn't horrified though for she knows it is human nature and I took it from her. I wish you and Aunt Sarah could come out here this fall and eat some peaches. There are ever so many trees on our place and just loaded with blossoms. The blossoms are so pink they look real pretty. I will try and send you one pressed. Where is your brother George? Isn't he coming here to College? I wish he would. Our term closes in five weeks and then we have a vacation of eleven weeks. I dread it if we have to spend it all here, it will be so lonesome.

I wish you wouldn't read my letters ever but once, for they sound horrid the first time and horrible the second.
Aunt Sarah, it is your turn to write to me, why don't you?
I wonder if it is a moral impossibility for me to get a letter from each of you at the same time. Try it!!!
I don't see why Aunt Annie don't write to me. I am very sure it is her turn.
Give my love to all—

I went down to the post office this afternoon and got two letters ~~from~~ for father and one for myself, wasn't it provoking? We had a terrible thunder storm last night and the lightning struck once I think quite near from the sound.
I got caught in the rain down street yesterday morning but came home with a young lady who was coming this way with an umbrella.
It is getting quite late and I must close or I shall not be up in time for church in the morning.
Accept much love for yourself and Aunt Sarah—

Lottie—

Box 209.

Father says that the fare from Utica to Hillsdale is about twelve dollars ($12.00). I do hope you will come down for I know you would like it [illegible] [illegible] you would ever want to go back there to live. Only think peaches are 50 cents a bushel. I wish you could come before they are gone.

Hillsdale. Mich. Oct. [illegible] 187[illegible].

Dear Aunt Sarah and Uncle Will.

I have been intending to write to you for a long time and will put it off no longer. I must write to you both together tonight as I haven't time for two letters and I don't owe Uncle Will one anyway, so he will get half a letter more than he deserves which will be punishment enough to him for not writing I think.

We are all so busy nowadays the time just flies. In the first place it is term time, and in the second place we moved a short time ago and have but just got settled. We have such a nice place now all covered with fruit, especially peaches of which we have more than we can use, and our house is just as pleasant and convenient as can be. Johnnie and I each have nice rooms and I have a dumb stove in mine with the stovepipe from the sitting room stove coming into it.

I am sitting by it now, and it is as warm and comfortable as you please.. Brother Frank has just been over a few minutes.. They live not very far from us and I go over there about every day.. Frank's brother Arthur is here with them ~~m~~ now and we have so much fun all together playing "Authors" and "Dominoes". Those Dominoes that you gave me, Auntie dear..
I was over there last evening and played those games on them that we played on Billy at your house about drinking the water and so forth.. How much fun we had that evening didn't we? And indeed how much fun we had all the time I was at your house.. I never enjoyed a visit so much in my life..
But I must tell you how I took Lizzie out riding last August.. A lady who lived next door to us had a gentle horse and buggy (the buggy was especially gentle..) and she let me take it two nights and I drove Lizzie all over town.
It was real nice but not as nice as driving Uncle Will's horses because this horse was

just my age and consequently thought she knew just as much as I did and wouldn't go any faster than she saw fit.
If you could only spend this winter with us and then take me back with you in the spring how delightful it would be. The winters are so mild here, not below zero at all, and very little snow. It seems more like fall and spring all the time and I am almost certain that Uncle Hall would not have the Asthma. And then I would go back with you in the spring, and I don't see how you can refuse to come now, when I have given myself such a cordial invitation to your house! So you:
There isn't any small pox out here and nobody has the ague unless they're foolish and don't know any better. Besides I have a cure for ague which has never been known to fail. Crawl down stairs head first three times and if some one opens the front-door as you are crawling down the third time, you will

be cured — of that, at least..

I don't know but I have told you of this cure before.. Seems to me I have, and if so you may go back and skip it now, as you wouldn't want to read the same thing twice..

I fear you will be unable to read this letter once, as it is written with a poor pen and very hastily.. I would copy it if I thought it was worth it but the more you are unable to read the greater will be your gain..

I will send you a programme of my Society if I remember it. I am president this term as you see by it and it is lots of fun to preside. We have a meeting next Monday night and I would ask you to come if I thought it would do any good..

I want to see you both very much indeed.. Please do write to me soon both of you.. Accept much love from us all..

Lovingly..

Katie..

Box 209..

What is your middle letter Uncle Will?

Hillsdale. May 23. 1875

Dear Aunt Sarah and Uncle Will.

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Very lovingly as ever,

[illegible]

[illegible]-207

[illegible]
[illegible]

My dear [illegible]:-

We can't seem to make up our minds to write oftener than once a century anyway, can we? But the reason I have written no sooner this time is that we have been preparing for examinations at the end of the term and I have been very busy. Our vacation is only a week and a half now, but I am really glad that it is no longer! Isn't that wonderful for little rattle-brained me?! But you know this is my last year in school and I am enjoying it so much.

I like the President for a teacher very much. He heard two of my classes.

But I must write no more for it is nearly bedtime and I have reached the limit of my sheet. Give much love from me to Uncle Will and all the dear ones there. I want to send a kiss to Grandma and another to you.

Goodbye my dear Auntie. Lovingly
Hattie.

I believe I usually enjoy every year of my life a little better than the year before — do you suppose it will always be so? I am a little afraid not when I get out of school. But after all life is about what we are a mind to imagine it is, that is for each of us, don't you think so? I guess on second thoughts you don't think so and I better not have asked the question for it's only a notion of my own and I'll find out sometime that it is a very foolish one, no doubt. I wish you could all be here with us at Thanksgiving, or else we could all be with you or even that I could be with you if it came to that! Does Uncle Will have his ~~horse~~ horses now? I suppose you have had sleighing before this, haven't you? I don't envy you the snow but I do envy you the sleigh-rides.

I should like to have been at your wedding - Where will Frank take his bride? They will not go clear out to Kansas will they? We should like a visit from them very much - Will John & Addie go back to New York this winter? His business card came in just the right time for me, for I was just thinking that my cardcase was nearly empty and I must get some more printed - So will you please engage him to print me some and I enclose enough to pay for the postage on them too. If he pleases he may print them just "Lily Buiter" the girls call me that a good deal out here for kind of a "pet name" and they will like my card printed so - I send the size I want as my cardcase is quite small. No matter if they are still smaller only don't have them any larger -

Aunt Sarah did you ever eat any scolloped oysters? They are perfectly delicious and I know how to make them real nice - now don't let the remembrance of that apple-dowdy make you incredulous for honest! and true I can make delicious scallopped oysters. You just come out and see - And by the way, I don't see why you can't come out here this winter - Uncle Will has no planting to do and the more I think of it the less reason I can see for your not coming - Oh, we would enjoy it so much! And our winters are so much milder than yours.
Did you see the conjunction of Mars and Saturn last night? I saw them real near together about nine o'clock.
Wasn't it nice I got 10 in all three of my examinations - I had the highest term standing of anyone in two of them

and I have [illegible] [illegible] made, and we have a [illegible] fit for the [illegible], or [illegible] for the Everetts- Come, what means this ominous silence! - It can't be you are up [illegible], or Uncle [illegible], we [illegible] [illegible] respond. I don't know how many times since you left I have brought out six plates for meals, or started to see if the coals were ready to carry at night - It [illegible] a dismal feeling it gives to remember that there is nobody to carry coals for any more That last is pathetic, you may tell Aunt Mary so if she goes to anatomizing it - Don't you think it is heartless in her to make fun of my letters as she does? Or [illegible] you read her last letter to me?

[illegible] [illegible], I have finished one [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] and commenced the other. Didn't
my linen wrapper, Bas, hasn't been touch-
ed yet. I was telling [illegible] that I should
[illegible] day and she said that when I got it
cut she would help me fit it if I would
like to have her. She is quite kind I think.
Doctor Haines hasn't called yet. He must
have heard of your departure I think.
Quite a number have inquired [illegible]
you since you left. Mrs. [illegible] asked
after you Friday. Schuyler Colfax lectures
here tonight at Suttons Hall. You know
that last spoils it all for me. The [illegible]
meetings are at our church this week. [illegible]
noon and evening. I wish you could have
heard Mr. Spencer. He was thrilling.
[illegible] and I have [illegible] to say that

said the sound of "guns" still [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]", and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] when we
made [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible],
it will be [illegible] a [illegible] that may [illegible] good
of [illegible] it, instead of [illegible] in
cold [illegible] — [illegible] it [illegible] some of
us [illegible] seem to [illegible] at all, but
[illegible] some [illegible] in the [illegible] way, and
it [illegible] [illegible] much [illegible]
[illegible] treated, but it will do [illegible] very
good, and the [illegible] the more
we will realize the privileges in not
having heard of it before —

But I must close — remember how
hard it is to be disappointed in not getting
letters from home, and do your duty —
Love to all — Hattie —

Dear Uncle Will:

[illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] a good deal [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
continue [illegible] until the [illegible]
[illegible]. We expect to leave here on
Saturday, the twenty second, spend
Sunday in [illegible], leave on
Monday for Niagara Falls, remain
there until Wednesday morning, and
reach [illegible], Saturday evening,
the twenty sixth of June. If we should
alter our plans I will [illegible]
let you know. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] until Saturday [illegible] the
[illegible], when we [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] until [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. We could
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] way back [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

think I'd be sick then, but would never

do, you've got to be brave and

and [illegible]

and [illegible]

if you give up, things will go to

rack and ruin and you can't go

with the summer? [illegible]

[illegible]

and go to work, and after a while

I forgot that I ever thought of being

sick or even had I have any kind

of back or anything else to feel bad.

There is nothing like business to keep

one out of mischief. But [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] You see what a [illegible]

[illegible] changed, and [illegible]

we better change the subject.

We are going to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I think we are

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [the other?] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] He is also [illegible] much better. The western climate agrees with me.

I [illegible] I shall be glad to get home after I get through visiting around. Please write to me at 51 Hancock St. Boston, Mass. and don't fail to say you will [illegible] and [illegible] for your [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

for you this time [illegible] you
[illegible] of your [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] things to do. But you [illegible]
[illegible] good [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] together with mother. [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] you will not [illegible]
father and I [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] else in the world
[illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] I would be [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
you, and I will be so glad of [illegible]
up for the rest of my journey. [illegible]

[illegible] would go out only she is so timid about travelling - She nurses her baby good while, her health has been a good deal [illegible] Baby is getting along nicely - Frank is learning in his brother's steps. Jennie is almost four years old, is a little woman, she sets the table, runs errands, and takes care of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mother

Dear Ann & Susan.

You see I send you at last the collar that you left here a year ago, and which I should have returned by some person, but I did not think of them. Many thanks for the use of the crochet [illegible] which I have taken the liberty of copying one like it, since you lent it to me. This crochet [illegible] resembles the pattern which I had from Della Fowler, do you remember her? How many

[illegible cross-written lines]

[illegible], as ever, [illegible]

Since I think of you these days, and of how much
we enjoyed your company and kindness last
year. I shall never forget how good you were to me
while I was sick, nor of the talks we used to
have on the subject of religion. They did me more
good than you would have thought, I know.
Darling mother, I appreciate what she was to me, and
what she did for me more every day. There are very
few such mothers. One of the last things she said to me was,
"Try to do everything as you know I should wish you to," and
I hope that she can look down from Heaven and see that I am
try, trying. I come so far short of being like her. But

Aunt Sarah don't you ever tell any
body as long as you live, but the
apple-sauce for that dowdy ought to have
stayed in the oven nearly all day and then
have been sweetened quite sweet with
molasses and spiced with allspice -
My highest ambition now is to make you
one dowdy that is a dowdy and restore
my reputation — — — — —

Aunt Sarah -

Private!!!!!!!!

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[illegible]-1207

[illegible] Sept [illegible]

Dear Grandfather & Grandmother & Father & Mother & Aunt Sarah & Aunt Annie & Aunt [illegible] & Aunt Mary & Robbie & John Eddie,

I know that I would write to you all this time because it would take so long to write a whole letter to each one and I know you all so much and want to write to you all so bad that I should not know which to write to if I should not write to but one of you. seeing that I have got that explained I guess I will go ahead with my letter. I go to the district school this term because I heard that Electa Mcleary was going to teach it and I wanted to go to her so much that I go there this term. O! I like her [illegible]

and ever so much! she is just as good
~~as~~ as she can be, she wears glasses
because she is near sighted but I think
that she is real pretty, I did not think
that she was pretty ~~so~~ before I got
aquainted ~~with~~ with her; I used to think
that she was real homely but now
I have got acquainted with her I like
her ever so much and I think she is
real pretty. she is real good to me and
lets me whisper and make tattin in
school and most anything. she lets all
the scholars do so that get their lessons.
I sit with Nellie Evans when she is
there, she ~~wasent~~ wasent there to-day
and so I sat with Caro Gordon.
One forenoon I sat with Ena Wells.
Our school house has been all fixed
up nice, they have got the ~~des~~ desks
painted over green and the walls
papered and a new teacher's desks and
white curtains to the windows and

the panes of glass mended and the blackboards [illegible] and the stove put fixed and all fixed up nice. it looks like a new room. when school first commenced this term, there was a motto over the door in evergreen letters, this was it,

"Well Try."

but the boys have torn it so that it does not look pretty now.

I study Robinsons Practical Arithmetic and Quackenbos Grammar and reading and spelling. I am almost over to decimals in my arithmatic. Today was Lizzie's birthday, she was 17, or seventeen. I gave her my present in her stocking, you see I fixed the stocking Saturday night and then Sunday night just before we went to bed I put it right out side of our bedroom door, so this Morning we woke up and

Lizzie said to me says she, go and get my presents Hattie, so I got out of bed and just ran to the door and got her stocking and she pulled the things out one after annother first there was a stick of candy [illegible] then there was a ~~[illegible]~~ bundle of paper with nothing in it, and then came three book marks I made for her and then a lampmat and then a pencil and then some more paper without any thing in it and then a pair of pearl sleeve buttons, they were all gam[illegible] you know, and then she got some more things from the rest of the family you know, O! Pa went to [illegible] last week and when he came home he brought me a tiny watch it is real pretty, we have lots of apples this year, we have porters and early harvests and

Dresden, June. 20. 1871.

Dear all,

Ma is writing so I thought I would write just a little. What a splendid time you all will have together, won't you! All but Uncle John. What a pity he can't be with ~~us~~ you too! It is very hot here now I wonder if it is at Steuben.
I want too see you all very much, some of you must be ~~too~~ sure too come back with Pa and ma. I wish John Eddie could come too. I should like to see.

him so much. Don't you suppose he can?

Only think my poor kitty died last week from the effects of rat-poison! Isn't it too bad?

I must close as they are waiting for this letter,

Very Affly,

Hattie.

Dear Friend [illegible]

[illegible]

could [illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible]

[illegible]

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Mrs. G. Evarts

Roxbury

New Y.

[illegible] number, please send [illegible].

[illegible] to wait so long before writing again. I have been troubled a great deal with neuralgia this spring and have felt so worn out it has been hard for me to get along with my work.

The neuralgia is about my heart, and I can hardly breathe [illegible] when it comes on. The pain is so [illegible] as it leaves me weak, and sometimes is coming and going all day. I got some medicine of a Homeopathic doctor in [illegible] Dr. Jones, which helped me [illegible] [illegible], but didn't seem to rid my system of the neuralgia. [illegible] [illegible] took me to see Dr. [illegible] and he [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] many [illegible]
[illegible] have been [illegible]
[illegible] here. We have had [illegible]
[illegible] cold weather, [illegible]
[illegible]
Father has just made us a very
[illegible] visit. He came [illegible]
[illegible] ago yesterday (Tuesday) and
left [illegible] Friday, when we took him
[illegible] to take the [illegible]
[illegible] of going [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to come and see [illegible]
[illegible] father goes east. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] took father riding [illegible]
[illegible] he was here [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] cemetery and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] here. We received a
[illegible] from [illegible] recently [illegible]

[illegible] in which he was interested, and [illegible]
made such [illegible] as to send us one
of their College magazine.

I have been meaning to write to him, but don't seem to get the time or "ambition" or something. If you go east to see him, or he comes west to see you, I do hope we will not be forgotten, but may have a little visit, if no more, on the way. We would like so much to see you all.

[illegible] bought a cow this spring, so we make our own butter, and have all the butter-milk and sweet milk we want to drink. It is quite a luxury to us. Eva drinks almost nothing but milk, and is fat and healthy. She loves to play in the barn with her papa, and ride on the horse's back, and look at the piggies. Don't we have quite extensive business with our horse, cow, and [illegible]

[illegible] She made nearly three hundred of butter a week and still [illegible] [illegible]. Then we are concluded to stay by our church another year. We had [illegible] good work here in the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] this week. In the [illegible] [illegible] received twenty-two into the church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and expect to receive more at the next communion. Our family [illegible] [illegible]. Next Sunday is children's day, to be observed at the M. E. church in the morning, and at our church in the evening. I can't take Eva to church much yet, she is so restless.

She enjoyed father's visit so much and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] where he is, she says "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]". She chatters a good deal, says all of "Twinkle, twinkle, little star," and heaps of the [illegible]

Hillsdale, Mich., May [illegible]th, 1[illegible].

Dear Aunt Jennie and Aunt Mary;

We left Tipton a week ago last Friday, and have been having a very pleasant visit here. We were glad to see Aunt Jennie's letter. You didn't forget about my birthday, either, did you? Thank you very much for the pretty birthday card. The children were much pleased with their cards, and little Eva enjoys her magazine. There are just the nice kind of stories in it for little folks. We haven't taken any magazine for her yet, though we have wanted to. She would like this one very much, and we should feel very grateful for such a nice present. Johnnie wrote us about the beautiful present you made Clarence. I think you are very kind indeed. We can hardly wait to see dear baby Clarence. I know he is full of fun, if he takes after his papa, and very sweet if he is

like his mamma. We expect to leave here day after tomorrow (Friday). Will go to Cleveland where father Putnam will meet us, and take us by carriage to Hinckley, about eighteen miles. None of Holden's people have ever seen little Eva, and they are counting a good deal on it. We plan to stay there about ten days, then on to Phoenix, N.Y. Holden feels anxious to commence on his greek, as he has a good deal to make up before fall. John Eddie writes about our going to see Aunt [illegible], on our way to New York. I wish we could. Do you suppose it would be so she could come to Utica, and see us there a day or two? And would it be convenient for Cousin Mary to have us go there? We can tell more how to arrange our plans, later in the season. John Eddie has been very kind about helping us. We have bothered him with all sorts of questions, but there seems to be no end to his kind endurance. Thank you, very much, Aunt Mary, for allowing us the use of your furniture. It will be quite a help to us.

We felt badly to leave our good friends at Tipton. A good many wanted to know if we wouldn't come back there, after Holden had finished his studies. They had a man preach to them last Sunday, on trial. We haven't heard the result yet. We hope they may get a settled pastor without much delay. We are having summer weather, now. The thermometer stood at 70 this morning when we first got up. We had pieplant pie and sauce for the first time, yesterday. I think you get ahead of us on all such things.

Father, Lizzie and the children all seem real well this spring. [illegible]a has a little cold, now. She and Eva have great plays together.

We shall hope to hear from you, after we get to Phoenix.

We all join in ever so much love, to you all,

Hattie.

[illegible]

[illegible] family and come this way

But we shall need it, [illegible]

[illegible], and I cannot help thinking

[illegible] being [illegible] there [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible]

I have [illegible] in this world

[illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] good and

[illegible] will take the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] through the [illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible]

If he will stay a day or two

we will go to [illegible] night

[illegible] from here, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and had a [illegible]

[illegible]

203 [illegible] St. [illegible] Phil.
[illegible] 22nd 1891.

My dear [illegible]:

I have been waiting to hear from Dr. [illegible], but as he has not [illegible], I think I will write anyway. It is always [illegible] to get a letter from the [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

it might have [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] said he would rather [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] need, but he had to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] last week.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Anna's sister, was married last week.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

My dear Sister:

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] that night, and
[illegible] frightened & became [illegible]
was lost. It was some time
after dark before she returned,
and I [illegible], for
[illegible] could'nt find her any-
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] on three blocks, and I
[illegible] the [illegible] thought I was
crazy. I never was more thank-
ful than when I came home and
heard her little voice, [illegible]
to [illegible]. She [illegible] to
sell her tickets, and at last [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] them out.
[illegible] to some of the [illegible]
[illegible]. She got a [illegible] ticket to
[illegible], for [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] of the evening.
Thank you for the [illegible],
[illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] yesterday, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] attention, [illegible]
[illegible] half an hour.
[illegible] my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] before [illegible]
[illegible]. But if not, you
[illegible] [illegible]
again. [illegible]
[illegible]. I hope if
[illegible] come east again
before long, he will certainly
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] time.
[illegible], and I [illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible], [illegible].
[illegible].

[illegible],

[illegible].

[illegible] J. has walked in a great
way, and when we heard the day
that he was coming here Monday
I expected nothing else but that
he would come for the whole
Sunday morning. But when
I found that he was afraid to
[illegible] "Sabbath," of course
I understood.
We are all going to the church
at home, this evening, and have a
[illegible]. Lottie is to dine and
[illegible] J. has been begging of Lottie
and [illegible] of Lottie.
J. and I are going to a Missionary
lecture tonight, [illegible]
[illegible] of Lottie's [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and I are invited to
[illegible] and will be at the
[illegible] J. and Ora.
So much water came in to our
cellar during the last storm,
that [illegible] had to [illegible]

[illegible] it [illegible] all the family [illegible]
well. So [illegible] that [illegible]
to take and [illegible].
Have you heard from [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] lately? I am
[illegible] to hear how they
[illegible] getting along. Do you think
he will come back again [illegible]
[illegible]? [illegible] can [illegible]
him to come [illegible]
[illegible]? Oh yes, [illegible]
[illegible] last letter was
especially pleasing to me. [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]. Do you recollect
that you used to [illegible]
[illegible] letter, when you were
[illegible]. Now that [illegible] are
[illegible] it [illegible] be [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] you know. I think
we ought to have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

nights. How I want you all and
everything there [illegible]
and [illegible] the [illegible] with me.
We have had just enough company
this fall to make us want more.
The reason is, that we have had
such a good time, I suppose.
[illegible] would like to have [illegible]
[illegible], it was a great treat
to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
and [illegible] heard of the [illegible]
as though the stage was filled
with [illegible], he would [illegible]
[illegible] to another, so rapidly.
[illegible] enjoyed it very much.
We are going to send off [illegible]
[illegible] next week. ([illegible], the
[illegible] of [illegible].) [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
which you tell [illegible], and [illegible] are
going to make some of these.
[illegible] called to [illegible]
[illegible] wedding, [illegible]
night. [illegible] Congregational [illegible]

3 [illegible] St. [illegible]
April 20th. 189[illegible]

Dearest Aunt Ann:

I have been hoping to hear from some of you again before this, but I suppose you are too busy visiting to write letters.

I hope that Aunt [illegible] is better. These bright days must be welcome to her, though the air is still quite cold.

We enjoyed Mr. Gregory and Mr. Patterson very much, last night. We had quite a good audience out to hear them, and they were extremely interesting. Mr. Gregory is quite eloquent, and a very genial man socially.

They left last night, and go today to attend the Detroit Association,

[illegible] visit. Aunt [illegible] came up to town [illegible] our house, too, without leaving this little [illegible] [illegible].

We all join in very much love to you all.

Nellie.

at Rochester, where I hope father will meet them. They spoke six times last Sunday, at Oberlin, and the gentleman once every evening in week. There will be at the State Association at Jackson. Dr. Gregory said last night that there were probably 600 million people in the Chinese empire, and ruled over by an emperor twenty-one years old. He is interested in our people however, is learning the English language, has a copy of the Bible, and has issued a proclamation that our missionaries shall be protected.

Eva kept awake through all the evening, but it was because she sat by her dear Miss Conger, and not because of her interest in the speakers. She said at the close, "O dear, I wish I was deaf."

[illegible] I used to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] so.

Our Miss Doc. made good findings,
but it is a Dame [illegible] [illegible].
She already [illegible] among the [illegible].
Do you know, [illegible] one of
our ladies here, has thought ever
since she met you [illegible] [illegible]
fall, that you were [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] lady asked me
the other day if Ollie were not
our brother. It must be there
is a family resemblance strong
enough to occasion this. At
least I gratify myself in
thinking so.

Will you please tell [illegible] that
our congregation [illegible] [illegible]
came last week. We [illegible] [illegible]
about it, as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
it in the course of time.

I would like to ask a favor of

Eddie if it will not trouble him too
much to go and [illegible] [illegible],
the druggist in Oakland, has a
preparation called "[illegible]".
We can't get it here, and if Eddie
will get half a dollars worth of
it, and bring with him, I should be
much obliged. I think they sell
it in any quantity, but at the
time that it only comes in
dollar bottles, and will sell one,
I will help him collect the balance.
If he hasn't time for this, or it
will inconvenience him in any
way, do not let him do it.
I must improve this lovely
afternoon in calling.
We are going to start our garden
this week. We shall not move
until next week. A notice has
come from the Transit depot that
Eddie's books have arrived. Freight
6.05. When it gets warm enough
we shall expect you here for a good

10 N. Adams St., Ypsilanti, Mich.,
July 8th, 187[illegible].

My dear brother:

I intended to write long before this, but have been so busy with canning, and other things. I had twenty-two quarts of currants to take care of, and it [illegible] most [illegible] time and [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] them out, besides making a [illegible] or two [illegible]. I [illegible] got [illegible], and then [illegible] to [illegible] for it. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible], and some other things, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up.

He was almost sick after he came back from the "[illegible]".

I think the [illegible] on [illegible],

but he kept getting worse so
bad that he had to go to see
Dr. Owen. He gave him some
kind of bitters, which seemed to
be just what he needed. He
is looking healthy and again
now. The rest of us seem
to have had the chance and
over and over, for some reason.
I bothered with it, until
one held got into [illegible] and a bad
kind that I found something
one would be done. I think
perhaps the winter here is not
good for me. I can't account
for my being troubled in
any other way. I had a
very severe attack of inflamma-
tion, neuralgia, caused by
getting heated over the stove,
and then sitting down where
it was cooler. It seemed to

most like "neuralgia feeling"
of anything I ever had. It was
annoying for awhile, but I
kept walking the floor and got
into a perspiration, and it
passed off. I think I'll try to get
some antifebrine tablets.
they say that is a specific for
neuralgia of the head.
Mrs. Hamlin brought me a
basketful of very nice beet
greens, the other day, and the
same day Mr. Butler brought
me a bag of cyclone pears,
and four bunches of beautiful
grapes. I wish you could
try the cyclone pears. the fruit
is immense, and the pears
are large, but oh so tender,
and sweet and delicious.
I was glad to get Lizzie's letter
the other night, and the [illegible].

since we last heard from there.
Affectionately. Also, so very glad to
hear that you are gaining, and
home. I was so thoughtless
not to leave you half of my
coffee. I can't stop reproaching
myself for it (mentally.)
But I will send you the name
of the firm where you can get
it. It is "Butler, Read and Co.
[illegible], Mass." The coffee is
twenty-eight a pound, and the
postage is twenty. So if you
send forty cents and request
to be by mail, you will get
it all right. Uncle [illegible] is
at home again, but very [illegible],
Aunt L. says. [illegible] is at Shel-
ton, still, and Aunt L. keeps house
with the help of an Irish girl.
Please write soon. With very much
love, in which Willie and Anna join.
[illegible]

[illegible], June 1st 1878.

My dearest Annie:

We were so glad to get Aunt Emma's nice letter, and have said every day since that we must write again. I don't know as I can really answer it, for [illegible]. I know [illegible] would enjoy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] go to Chicago before October(?) [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] same, [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] I always, [illegible]

[illegible]! Your [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible]

[illegible] and

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible] Begonia, Aconite, and

[illegible], in solution. I followed [illegible]

[illegible], fifteen minutes apart, until

[illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible] morning. [illegible]

[illegible], and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible], and I will [illegible]

[illegible] time.

[illegible]!

268 [illegible] St. [illegible]

[illegible], Mich., May 29th 18[illegible].

My dear Auntie:

Your card was handed in to me with my mail, this morning. We are [illegible] through our home and feeling so well. It has seemed so lonely here without you. I was not well enough to go to the [illegible] school Saturday night, and was here in the house all alone. I could hardly stand it. The house seemed [illegible] as it did right after [illegible] died. Little [illegible] and I have had [illegible] of that [illegible], I think, for she said tonight, "[illegible] [illegible] as the [illegible]."

I hope you are having a nice
enough time to make up for [illegible]
[illegible] estate. If you are, we can
be contented. I was introduced to
Mrs. Gurney, the other morning, and
she said she was so sorry you had
gone, as she wanted you to send up
and settle her doctor bill. I told
her you had left your business
in the hands of my sister, and she
said she would call and see her,
then. So I guess you will get some-
thing after awhile. Everybody seems
to miss you, but as they don't expect
you to go. Mrs. [illegible] told Lizzie
that everybody here thought so much
of you, and would be so sorry if you
didn't come back. I have sent
out cards to half of the [illegible]
[illegible] you gave me, and will

sent on both the afternoons.

Lina made the cards very nicely, and I directed them myself. So not such cunning little envelopes, which hid the cards, and then enclosed them in larger ones.

We saw Mrs. [illegible] down town today, and she inquired after you. I felt so poorly Sunday that I just staid at home and rested all day. Today I feel better. Have been taking china and iron alternately, yesterday and today, as the little book said it was good for nervous debility. I think it must be helping me, together with the rest, don't you? I prepared a small potato salad for supper, and everybody says [illegible] which they pronounced it extra good. She wouldn't have tasted it, [illegible] [illegible] explained to me. She will

lay there till some day next. Should
that much, which would have gotten to
said without anyone.
We shall want to hear from you
again soon and know all about
how you are enjoying it. But I
never knew would that have much
time for letter-writing. We shall
not expect a letter every day.
I wish I could drop in to say
"goodnight" tonight.
Give my love to Cousin Mary
Ann, and tell her I mean to
call on her sometime.
Anna is asleep and asleep, but
I will send "lots of love" for her,
as I know she would want me
to.

Very lovingly your mother,

Hattie.

"May the Lord watch between us while we are absent one from another."

Hillsdale, Mich., June 21st, 1893.

My Dear Auntie:

We enjoyed your two good letters very much, & thought of you Sunday, as at Merrill.

We were so sorry to hear that you (Aunt Anna) had been sick. I hope you are gaining fast now, and will be able to enjoy the last part of your visit better. People are continually inquiring after you, and expressing the hope that you will come back in the fall. I think you folks have completely won the hearts of the Hillsdale people.

I expect to leave here one week from next Monday. The paper says that the Upper Peninsula is filled with smoke, owing to

the small fires prevailing there.

It was a good thing you didn't send for that tea-gown, Auntie dear. I sent for one of them, and they sent me something entirely different, and a larger size. They wrote that they were all out of the others, and couldn't procure any more. I sent the gown right back, and they sent me back my money, expenses and all. So they were honorable about it. I am having a tea-gown made down town, now, by a Miss Berwick. It is red summer cashmere, and will be very pretty I think. She makes it for 2.00. She is the dressmaker Mrs. Parmelee recommended.

I have bought a set of dishes with the money the Ypsilanti ladies gave me, and I suppose

they are on their way north now.
I got them at Mead's, English semi-porcelain, decorated in Delphi (a bluish gray). They are real pretty I think, and although not as nice as china, will correspond with our other things.
It will seem so good to me to have a full set, and not be troubled about setting my table.

I can't give as good an account of my health as I would like to. It has been a nice rest for me here, and I have had very little neuralgia, but I have a good deal of pain in the lower part of my back, and feel so weak all the time. Have been down three times to see Dr. ___ without finding him. Finally learned yesterday that

he was in Chicago. Guess I will get
you to consult him, in my stead.
They say his children have been living
for awhile there in Chicago.
Mrs. Williams called on me at tea-
time, the other night, and came in
and ate some strawberries with
us. She goes to Chicago next
Sunday, where she will meet
her father and Bennie. Mrs.
Brown and Hettie called the
other night. Hettie is to be married
in July, and sails as a mission-
ary in October. She wants
me to stay till her wedding, but
it hardly seems best, the weather
is getting so warm here, and
Alden is anxious for me to
come home. Could you send me
a little Pulsatilla, sometime
when it is convenient?
Remember me to Mrs. Roberts,
and accept a heartful of love for
your dear selves. Hattie.

[illegible]

[illegible] I am too tired to write much today. O dear to me what it is to have "that tired feeling".

I have been to Boston this morning. took advantage of the 2 excursion rates, and found myself in the midst of the most heterogeneous crowd of humanity. However, a nice old lady who was an unwilling victim like myself, shared my seat, and we got along nicely.

While I was waiting in the Boston depot for the train to return in, who should come in but two of my best of school friends, whom I had not seen since they graduated and were married. Edmund Lewis and his wife, and three dear little children. Mrs. Lewis knew me first, and I saw her turn to Edmund and

my time in "Little Switzer". It was
such a pleasant meeting, and
we all came as far as the hotel
together. It was a sad occasion
they were on, — to bury their father,
Rev. E. P. [illegible], who died very suddenly
in Missouri. They expected another
brother, Richard, tomorrow, with
the body. It seems that Ed and Ellen
(like our Otis and Ellen) live in De-
troit now, and I shall not feel
friendless when I go there anymore.
The children were so much pleased
with the letters you wrote them,
and Eva was delighted with
Jaidee's letter. She will try to
answer it soon, I am sure, but
she thinks she ought to learn to
write first. I know you are
having a lovely time at [illegible].
I wish I could drop in to-day.
I expect to start for home the [illegible].
Please excuse this poor little scrawl.
Of course, can't you erase the letter of

Hudson, Mich.

Hudson, Mich.

My dear Auntie:

We were so glad to get your good letter last night, and very much rejoiced at the prospect of recovering Ora's long lost treasure — for there is no doubt that the toy you mention is the much-prized and long-mourned "rattle" which Uncle William sent from Chicago to Ora when she was one week old.

We could not have described it more accurately our selves than you have, even to the "Mother Goose" figures

pleasure. We shall be glad when we get all built up though. My sickness must have cost us nearly $100. I have lots more to write about. Our sexton at [illegible] was shot last Sunday night by his daughter's lover, who then shot himself. The young man died, and Eugene's [illegible] [illegible]. Please write soon again. With many much love from us all, Hattie.

on the silver tip - I suppose
the little bells are lost. and
of course it must be mis-
sed in many ways, but we
shall be so glad to recover
it in almost any shape -
for it was such a nice keep-
sake from Eva's baby-hood.
I never could feel recon-
ciled to the loss, and never
could throw off the conviction
that it was lost in town,
but feared it had dropped
in some out-of-the-way
place where it would never
be found. We had our things
all packed up to leave, and
the rattle in the upper tray
when Eva came in and
wanted to take it a few
minutes. We remembered
afterwards, her taking it
out doors with her. but

could not remember whether she brought it back or lost it or not. In the hurry of leaving soon after, and all the excitement that followed, we did not miss the rattle until we reached New York. I shall be very glad if little Brooke is willing to give it up. If it were not for the precious associations connected with it in connection with Eva's baby-hood, I would let him keep it. But of course I should want to make up the loss to him. You know better than I what he would like, and if you will kindly get him something, and write me what it costs; I will gladly pay for it. I will leave the value to you

judgment. and then if you can send me the matter in a little box, by registered or insured mail, I will be doubly grateful.

I was so glad of that precious letter of mother's, I have so few of hers, and her handwriting and mode of thought are very dear to me. I received the copies of Vedic Magazine, and am very grateful for them. Did you have to pay for them? If so, please let me know how much. My little box of medicines has been of great help to us many times. I only wish I knew more about them. We have no homeopathic doctor here whatever. I wished so much for one when I was sick. I think I am gaining all the

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time, on the whole, though it seems pretty slow. So very little thing upsets me at night, so I cannot sleep, and that disturbs my head. I have tried taking Bromide, but it doesn't seem to help me.

John, Lois and Clarence were here to attend the Association last week. We enjoyed that very much. We entertained a young man from Hillsdale, too, one of Lizzie's roomers, perhaps you knew him. Mr. Johnson.

I have quite a good girl now though I can't throw the care and responsibility on her. She is good to do as I tell her, which is quite a good deal. Why can't you both come out and spend the summer, dividing your time between John, Lizzie

and especially Hattie; she
should not expect as much.
She should visit three or
four weeks apiece, at least.
You could make Hudson
your headquarters, and visit
the others from there. Please
consider this a special in-
vitation, to which no regrets
are admissable. We expect
to spend the summer here
and at Middleton and Somerset,
so come and enjoy it with us.
I tried to find the Advance
that mentioned Eddie's work,
at our neighbors, but could
not. I think it was in
the month of February, but
am not sure. They were
just little notes, you know,
five or six lines each,
saying that he had done
excellent work, and that

the extra meetings resulted in so many conversions, I forget the exact number, but it was stated higher in one week than the other, I think about sixty-eight.

We are expecting Clara here tomorrow. She is going to stay over Sunday, and have my dressmaker cut a dress for her Thursday.

I had a nice letter from my nurse a few days ago. She is such a dear woman, and we learned to love each other very much while she was here. She seemed like an angel of mercy to me after all the weary hours of suffering, which she so quietly relieved. I used to call her "Aunt Betsy" in my heart, but "Mrs. Shaw" out loud. She made me start

of you - She went from Hillsdale,
and said if she was there when
I visited Lizzie she would make
an extra effort to call on me -
She wants her daughter to go
to College, and thinks some
of visiting Lizzie's summer if
she can arrange it so as to [illegible] -
I told Lizzie she would feel
just as though she had you
back again. Lizzie has very
nice roomers now. but she
[illegible] tire of them, which is
too hard for her - Our doctor
here, and the one we called to
counsel from Hillsdale,
charged just the same, though
one made fifty or sixty
calls, and the other only one call -
but the former nearly
killed me with mercury.
and the latter cured me by
[illegible] [illegible], so I won't com-

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
be very [illegible]
[illegible] as beautiful.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I am glad [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
"[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
about her graduation.
She did very nicely
[illegible]

how very sad and
tired and troubled
the mind would get
and then I had these
and many of the others
are more overanxious than
they need. I am so
afraid I will have
no strength to come
through it so I am
trying so hard always
to rest well – I do
seem to recover my
strength so very
slowly at all –

We all enjoyed your
ever good letter so much
thank you very much
for the [illegible] it
[illegible] so much

JUNE.21.

DEAR AUNTIES.

I.HAVE.GOT.SOME.NEW.
WASING.SHOES.
I.PAID.HALF.WITH.MY.
BRAN.MONEY.DO.YOU.EAT.BR-
ANNOW? I.WENT.TO.A.PARTY.
AT.BELLE.AMMERMANS.
WITH.ANNA.WE.PLAYED.
DROP.THE.HANDKERCHIEF.
WHY.DON'T.YOU.WRITE.
TO.ME?

YOUR.LOVING.LITTLE.

EMA.

208 Brower St.

D[illegible] AUNT. ANNA.

MY. KITTYS. NAME. IS.

MUFFIT. I. RECEIVED YOUR. LETTER. THIS.

MORNING. I. LOVE yo

U. SO. MUCH.

MY. KITTY. IS. A.

GOOD. DEAL. LARGE

R. THAN. WHEN. YOU

SAW.IT.
YOUR.LOVINGLITTL
E.EVA.

AUNT.ANNA.

208 Brower St.

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MY. KITTY. IS. A.

GOOD. DEAL. LARGE

R. THAN. WHEN. YOU

DEAR.AUNT.MARY
THANK.YOU.FOR
THAT.CUNNING.
PEN.WIPER.YOU
SENT.ME.BY.AU
NT.ASIA.WHAT.
A.HAPPY.TIME.WE.
WILL.HAVE.WHE
N.I.COME.TO.GET.
YOU.

I. SPRAINED. MY. LEG.
YESTERDAY. FALLI
NG. DOWN. HILL. BUT.
I. HAD. A. GOOD. TIME.
ALL. THE. SAME.
EVA

MAY 30. 1853.

DEAR AUNT MARY
I WENT DOWN TOWN
YESTERDAY AND HAD MY
TOOTH FILLED IT HURT
VERY MUCH HE HAD TO DIG
OUT A BONE IN MY TOOTH
I ATE A WHOLE BA-
NANA YESTERDAY AND
IT DIDNT HURT ME. I AM
GOING TO HAVE AN APPLE
TODAY DO YOU THINK
IT WILL HURT ME.
I SEND MY LOVE TO
AUNT ANNA AND TO YOU
YOUR LOVING
LITTLE EVA

FORWARDED.

JUN
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189[illegible]

Miss [illegible] Everett,

340 Genesee St
Utica

New York

[illegible] Co.

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REC'D.

Dear Aunt Anna and

Aunt Mary.

I reaived the little rattle last night.

I think it has been a long time since I have seen you. I hope you are all well and happy.

I am taking music lessons of Clara Pease.

Goodby your loving

Eva.

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I was so glad to get my rattle and I thank you very much. I will write to Brooks.

Our uncle [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

We have been having

bad news -

Our mind can [illegible]

[illegible], for [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible].

Dear Aunt Mary:

I thank you for the Valentine you sent me. I watched for the postman a long time, hoping that he would bring a Valentine. I ran shouting to mamma when I saw theValentine. Goodby, Your loving little,

Eva.

My dear Sarah:

[illegible] today to write to you for a long time, and will delay no longer.

I feel so happy to think that your health is so good, and hope you will keep up good courage, and gain flesh enough in the spring so you can come and make us another visit. It seems a long time since I saw you all, though it is really only a little over two weeks.

What wet weather we have had for us [illegible] and [illegible].

It has been snowing today. The first I have seen since I came home, and it is [illegible] see [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] the ground.

I told him that I was going up the river, to visit friends, and he said that I better come and see him again, on my way back. After dinner I found my way down to the stores, and spent nearly an hour running around and seeing all that I could. At four o'clock I had a hack take me and my trunk down to the wharf, and I engaged passage on the steamer "Ohio", for Gallipolis, where Edwin and his sisters are spending the winter. It is two hundred miles up the Ohio river, from Cincinnati, and took me from five o'clock Thursday evening, ~~and~~ until one o'clock Saturday morning to go. The "Ohio" is a fine, new steamer, and her rates astonishingly low. For passage, board stateroom and all, I only paid three dollars. This is the regular

price with all the Ohio steamers.
Their table fare is excellent too, as good as at any two or three dollar hotel. I enjoyed the trip very much. The scenery, though not to be compared with that on the Hudson, was very pretty, and we had nice weather. There were several ladies on board, whose acquaintance I found very pleasant. One young lady, whom I especially liked, I found to be the daughter of a Professor in one of the Indiana Colleges. You can imagine that I received a warm welcome from my friends in Gallipolis, and I found that Frances got all ready to come to C. to meet me, but was disappointed in the boat, as they were not running very regularly, on account of the river being so low.
They are living in a beautiful

place, where they have the finest view of the river, and country around. I was there three weeks and two days, leaving Monday morning on the steamer "Telegraph". We reached Cincinnati Tuesday before noon, and I went to a better hotel this time, the St. James. I didn't get to see the Oculist until so late that afternoon that he said I must stay another day. I didn't feel very bad, as it gave me a better chance to see the city and I enjoyed it all so much. When I first arrived at the St. James Hotel, the clerk handed me a letter and card from father, which he had directed there. While there I made the acquaintance of Dr. Norton and his wife, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and of a lady from South Carolina. Dr. Norton was a very pleasant old gentleman and finding that I was part Welsh he said some things in Welsh, then explained that his practice took him largely among the Welsh people, so he had to learn their language. He said too that I had a Welsh face! He used to live in Genesee Co. N. Y. I forgot to tell you that I became acquainted with a Welsh girl on the boat. She understood the language, and said that her people spoke it almost entirely. She said that her mother had some copies of the "Cenhadwr". She said there was an entire settlement of Welsh called Welshtown, just above where she lived at Minersville. I did wish that Uncle Eddie had been down that way, selling the Memoir, while I was there. Was he on the Ohio river at all?

The oculist told me that if I was not sufficiently benefitted by spring, by the use of my lenses,

I better come down again, and let him perform an operation, clipping the outer muscles, a little, which he said would make everything right. I have the greatest confidence in his skill and judgement, but before I submitted to such an operation, should like the opinion of some other eminent authority.
Wonder if Aunt Mary knows anything of this oculist. His name is Dr. E. Williams, and his office No. 64 West Seventh St.
Will you please ask her sometime if she knows anything about Dr. H. E. Goodman, 1427 Chestnut St. Philadelphia. The conductor on the Pullman car gave it me his address, and said he was the best authority (as an oculist) in the country. I got home a week ago last Thursday night. Found our housekeeper, Mrs. Case, at the depot, to meet me. She